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*Look for the next edition of
The Lighthouse Newsletter, coming
to your mailbox in November 2025!*

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR *A Tale of Two Clintons*

The following is considered a derivative work and was inspired by Charles Dickens' A Tale of Two Cities:

It was the age of revitalization, it was the age of remembrance. Paying homage to the iconic first sentence of Charles Dickens' A Tale of Two Cities. It was the epoch of steel and fiber, it was the epoch of murals and memory. It was the season of capital, it was the season of community. It was the spring of infrastructure, it was the winter of delay. Clinton, Iowa, stood at the crossroads of its past and its promise.

In the southwestern quarter of the city, where the Mississippi whispers to the rail lines, rose a titan of industry, Atlas Roofing, a colossus of capital, laid its foundation and steel began to rise vertically, promising 117 new livelihoods. Nestlé Purina, not to be outdone, summoned forth an Automated Supply and Retrieval System, a marvel of modern logistics. Other existing business continue to add new chapters to their owner industrial renaissance, the like of LYB, ADM, Custom Pak, Big River Packaging and many others continue to expand, provide high quality jobs and bring a sense of momentum.

The roads, once weary and worn, began to stir. 36th Avenue South, born of state and private partnership, stretched its limbs toward the future. Water lines, like veins of progress, extended from Lincoln Meadows to the Rail Park, where Super 8 Logistics claimed 34 acres for transload transformation. Rail tracks are now unfurling to move freight in and out, breathing life into the Rail Park.

Yet not all was swift. Manufacturing Drive, a vital artery, found itself ensnared in federal red tape, its rebirth postponed until spring 2025. Still, the city pressed on. Today, Clinton is full of detour signs or as some residents call them, "progress signs"

as the road and one of the two bridges undergo full replacement. This vital corridor will soon include multi-modal capabilities for biking, walking, jogging, and running.

In the heart of Clinton, the old gave way to the new. Blighted buildings fell, clearing the way for new modern construction from the Developer "Build to Suit" Townhouses rising with purpose and promise. A new bus stop and driver break station at 6th Ave S. and S. 2nd Street stood as a testament to community needs. From a once-unused park space, a supportive housing development now takes root, designed to offer stability, dignity, and opportunity to those in need while growing alongside the remaining trees and soon-to-be-added amenities. Just a stone through from the downtown, the library, once split between two locations, continues to flourish with unity through reorganization, with the Lyons Branch lovingly maintained by the Friends of the Library.

It was the season of jubilation upon the banks of the mighty Mississippi, and the spirit of merriment did reign supreme. The skate park, alive with youthful vigor, rang with the clamor of wheels upon the double rip track, a modern marvel of motion and mirth. Music, that most democratic of arts, poured forth from every corner, from Tailgate & Tallboys, Clinton Symphony Orchestra, Finally Fridays, Music on the Avenue, Market Music at Four Square Park all conspired to fill the air with melody and memory, as if the very streets themselves had learned to sing.

The campground welcomed travelers and townsfolk alike, their RVs nestled beneath the summer sky, laughter rising with the smoke of evening fires and the scent of grilled fare. Down by the water's edge, the marina bustled with life with boats bobbing gently in their slips, kayaks and canoes soon to glide through the sloughs, and the Candlelight casting its warm glow upon the

river, a beacon of dining and delight.

And lo! The Showboat, that grand ship drydocked as a theatre of dreams, opened its season with a flourish, the Addams Family taking the stage with ghoulish charm and gothic glee, followed by wonderment of shows; Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Bright Star and Almost Heaven (songs of John Denver). Applause echoed across the water, mingling with the hum of engines and the clink of glasses, as the city's heart beat strong with culture and camaraderie.

Not far from the river's bend, Riverview Stadium stood proud, its lights gleaming like stars summoned to earth. There, the LumberKings took to the diamond, swinging their wooden bats in the noble tradition of the Prospect League. The crack of the bat, the cheer of the crowd, the scent of popcorn and peanuts, it was baseball in its purest form, a summer ritual as timeless as the river itself with the LumberKings taking first place in the first half of the season.

It was, indeed, a time of renaissance and a summer of sound and spectacle, of community and celebration. Every corner of the city, from park to pier, from concert to curtain call, played its part in the great symphony of civic joy.

The parks, those green lungs of the city, did flourish. The swimming pool opened its gates to the sun-drenched multitudes, Eagle Point Park hosted travels from far and near, witnessed new marriages and celebrations on the Parks cliffs edges of the mighty Mississippi River and meanwhile back on the Riverfront echoed with the golden mist of sand on the volleyball courts, and the curious sport of pickleball, whose name belies its vigor,

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Clinton Parks & Recreation
ERICKSEN COMMUNITY CENTER
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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

2000 S 60th Street, Clinton, Iowa 52732
P: 563-242-3292 | Fax: 563-242-3488
www.facebook.com/FlyClinton

Clinton Police Department

113 6th Avenue South, Clinton, IA 52732
Emergencies: 911
Non-Emergency: 563-243-1458

Clinton Public Library

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Public Works Department

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4292 220th Street, Clinton, IA 52732
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1320 S 2nd Street, Clinton, Iowa 52732
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Community Development Department

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was played with great enthusiasm by those who fancied themselves picklers of a sort.

Meanwhile, the invisible threads of progress, fiber optics, spread like wildfire across the land, and the city's voice, once faint and scattered, now rang clear through the quarterly Lighthouse, a newly burnished website, and the updated reporting system for citizens alike, which gave voice to the voiceless and ears to the indifferent.

The Parks & Recreation Department, too, underwent a renaissance most profound. A grand Objective Plan for the year 2025 was drawn, a compass for innovation and inclusion. The department, ever evolving, moved from Keri Door to Kisi, unlocking new realms of access. The Riverfront Study was completed, and PRAB was charged with extracting the gems of recreation from its depths. New Safety Town houses rose in anticipation of a golden jubilee, standing as sentinels of safety and imagination for the past

50 years.

New entertainments like Movie Nights, Parks Nights, a 7v7 Football League, and tournaments of volleyball and basketball all breathed new life into the community, as if the very soul of the city had been stirred from slumber. Two shade structures were installed at the Riverfront Pickleball Courts, partially funded by the Lions Club. A grant application is pending for an Eagle Point Park path, and several projects are underway: Lubbers Fountain scope development, Lodge floor funding, sauna installation at The Rec, and resurfacing of the Emma Young tennis court. As one resident put it, "It's not just about what we're building, it's about what we're becoming."

The tale was not merely one of steel and stone. It was a tale of homes, over 300 new apartments rising like phoenixes: Valley Bluff, Cottage Bluff, and more. New house developers danced through Riverstone Crossing, Zara Heights, Jordan Creek, and Mill Creek. Numerous other new homes and new townhouses brought life to forgotten lots, a testament to the

power of infill housing.

And in the shadows of progress, the city remembered. The historic 1905 YMCA building, now separated from its 1960s addition, prepares to be reborn as housing. The 1904 Lafayette Building stands ready to welcome over 60 new apartments. "We're not just investing in infrastructure," said one city staff member, "we're investing in identity."

The City Administrator, the chronicler of this new age, spoke of fiscal prudence, sustainable growth, and the sacred bond between government and governed. He and his staff listened, responded, and didn't just encourage things to be built, not just structures, but trust.

Thus, Clinton stood, two cities in one. One of memory, one of momentum. One looking back with reverence, the other forward with resolve. And in the space between, a community found its voice, its vision, and its victory. Best said by one of Clinton's residents, "Clinton's not just changing, it's coming alive."

CITY OF CLINTON SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM

The sidewalks of the city show a long history of neglect- cracked concrete, uneven pavement, and raised slabs that forced pedestrians into the street or grass. Recognizing the growing safety concern and public demand, the City Council decided to act upon it. A new sidewalk repair program was proposed aiming to prioritize repairs of damaged sidewalks. Backed by a dedicated funding plan, the initiative would restore the walkability and safety in neighborhoods for everyone.

The Voluntary Sidewalk Repair Program addresses the sidewalk maintenance needs and provides financial assistance to property owners to replace deficient sidewalks. This voluntary program allows all property

owners to participate in a cost-share program where the City would cover 50% of the cost of repairs and 75% for eligible low-income, single-family homeowners. The city sidewalks are to be inspected by the City Engineering Department with specific inspection criteria. An inspection report will then be mailed to the property owner with an application. Property owners who do not elect to participate in the program are liable for any injuries that could occur due to sidewalk defects left in disrepair. For questions about the cost-share program, please contact the City Engineering Department at (563)-244-3423. Please address this promptly as we work together to ensure the safe and accessible sidewalks for our community.

SENC & Prairie Pastures Dog Park 1st Annual Golf Tournament

Valley Oaks Golf Course

September 14th, 9:00am Start

4 Person Best Shot (\$200/team)

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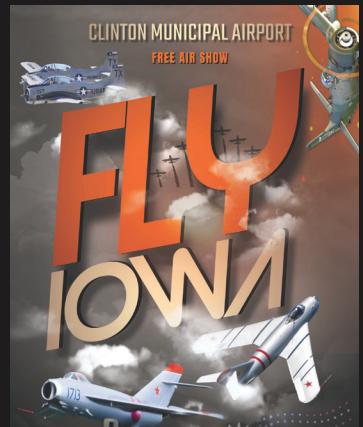
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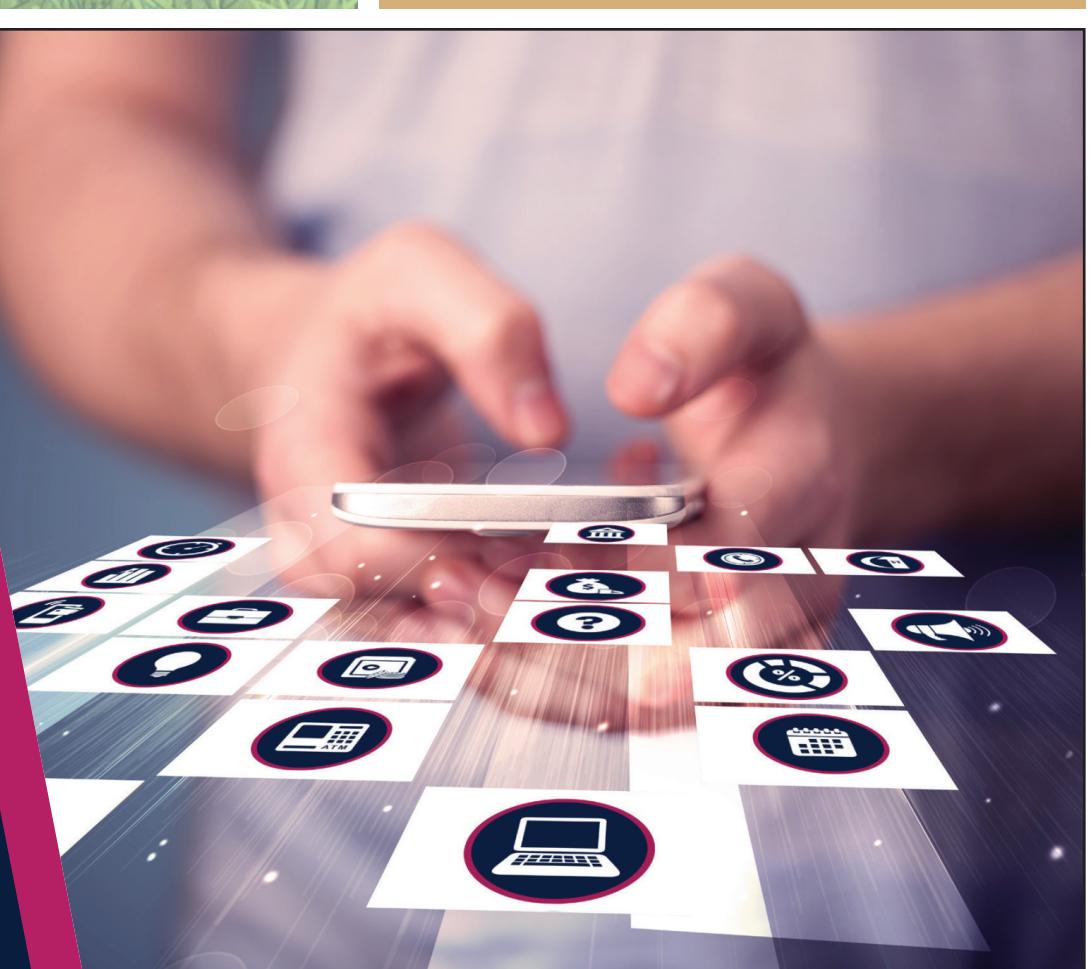
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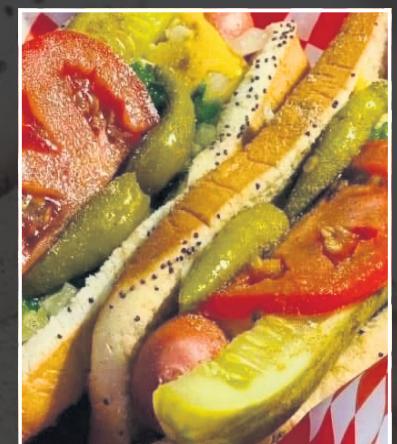


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*Pictured (L-R): Dr. Twinkle Singh, FACC, FSCAI; Dr. Peter Sharis, FACC;
Dr. Hassan Kieso, FACC; and Dr. Qaiser Rasheed, FACC*

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PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

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

ERICKSEN COMMUNITY CENTER: 1401 11TH AVENUE NORTH, CLINTON, IA 52732 | P: 1-563-243-1260 | HOURS: MON - FRI 8AM - 5PM

MARINA OFFICE (LOWER LEVEL OF CANDLELIGHT INN): 511 RIVERVIEW DR, CLINTON, IA | P: 563-242-3600 | HOURS: APRIL - OCT 9AM - 6PM

WEBSITE: www.cityofclintoniowa.gov | ONLINE REGISTRATION: www.cityofclintoniowa.gov/225/Parks-and-Recreation-Department

Follow us on Social Media: Facebook  City of Clinton - Parks & Recreation Department | Instagram  CityofClintonParksandRec | Twitter  @CityofRec

ACTIVITY AREA HOURS

ADMIN OFFICE - OPEN YEAR-ROUND
8am - 5pm, Monday - Friday (except Holidays)

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)	5:30pm-8pm (Pending No Leagues)
<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 for adjusted hours.

MEMBERSHIP FEE SCHEDULE

Fitness Membership - Weight Room & Gyms

	Daily	Annual	Monthly	Monthly Auto-Deduct
Student (Ages 14/17)	\$5	\$162	\$22	\$15
Senior (age 55+)	\$5	\$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 with a membership. 13 years old my enter with a paying adult (18+). Must be 16+ to purchase fitness day pass.

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 and small gyms 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

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT FOR YOUTH SPORTS

Financial Assistant is available for youth sports.

There will be no financial assistant rate after initial program deadline.

INSURANCE PROGRAMS

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

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

What is The Rec Club Membership? With your \$20 annual pass, you have access to the Clubs at the Erickson Community Center. If you are interested in adding a Club, please see the staff.

JOG AND WALK CLUB

WHO:	Men and Women
DAY & TIME:	Year Around 6am-9am
SITE:	Erickson Community Center (lower level)
FEE:	ECC Club Membership \$20

KNITTING AND CROCHET CLUB

WHO:	Adults
LOCATION:	Erickson Community Center, Club Room
DATES:	Year round
DAY & TIME:	Tuesday, 9am-11:30 am
FEE:	ECC Club Membership \$20
Bring your favorite needle craft hobby and a friend or come by yourself and make new friends. Enjoy a social morning of needlework, conversation and refreshments.	

RECREATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION INFORMATION

1. You may register by mail or online at <https://clintoniowa.recdesk.com/Community/Home>
2. A mail-in registration form is available by request.
3. Telephone registrations are not accepted.
4. Payment in full must accompany registration.
5. Senior citizens receive a discount off of adult rates. (not less than a youth fee in the same activity).
6. 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

BOW WOW LUAU

Riverview Pool - Sunday, Aug 24th 1pm-3pm
Admission: \$10 per dog and human or \$15 per family.
Maximum 2 dogs per family.
\$5 per dog goes Prairie Pastures Dog Park at Eagle Point Park

MARIO KART

For youngsters who want to have fun but in a more laid-back environment. Individuals play in a tournament, bracket style fashion. Participants may register on the night of or online through our website. Prizes As Well.

WHO:	Everyone is welcome ages 7—11
LOCATION:	Erickson Community Center, Youth Room
DATE:	Aug. 22nd. Rest of the dates TBA
DAY & TIME:	Friday, 5 pm to 8 pm
FEE:	\$5 Per Person
LIMIT:	12 participants
REGISTRATION:	At the door beginning at 4:30PM
INSTRUCTOR:	Recreation Staff

FRIDAY FUN NIGHTS

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 welcome 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, Oct. 24, 2025, 5:30 to 8:30pm
FEE:	\$5 Pay at Door

PEE WEE FOOTBALL CLINIC

For boys and girls in kindergarten that are interested in learning about Football. This clinic is designed to help the kids be more ready for our Flag Football leagues they will be eligible for next year. Learn how to properly hold and throw a Football, receive a hand-off, catch the ball, and punt the ball away. Four weeks of skills and drills followed by two weeks of simulated scrimmages. Mouth guards are required for this program.

Deadline: Thursday Sept. 11
Participant Fee: \$48 Financial Assistance Fee: \$36
Late Registration thru Sept. 17 (Only if availability permits)
Late Fee: \$55

FLAG FOOTBALL

Instruction in non-tackle flag football for 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th grades. Volunteer coaches will show youngsters an assortment of warm-ups, drills and plays needed to acquire basic football skills. T-shirts will be given to all players and coaches. Teams will consist of 7 players on the field at one time with minimum playing rules. Children registered by school attended.

WHO:	Grades 1st/2nd – 3rd/4th Boys and Girls
LOCATION:	Emma Young Park – softball fields
DATE:	September 21 – October 26
DAYS:	Sunday Early Afternoons, some weeknights & other days for practice as scheduled

TIMES: Practices: 1-1/2 hour dependent upon coaches' availability.
Registration Period: Now thru Aug 14
Participant Fee: \$52 Financial Assistance Fee: \$40
Late Registration thru Aug 27 (Only if availability permits)
Late Fee: \$59
LIMIT: 24 minimum; with 14 team maximum 7+ Players/team
*Request will be limited
*Parents/Guardians will fill out a Player Evaluation to help with team assembly

1. Beginner 2. Intermediate 3. Advanced

JR. 7 VS. 7 FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Real Fun football. This is a one hand touch 7v7 football league. This is a pass first league, where every player is an eligible receiver with no blocking allowed. Each game is less than 30 minutes.

WHO:	Grades 5th and 6th Boys and Girls
LOCATION:	Kings and Queens Complex
DATES:	September 15 – October 20
DAYS:	Mondays and Wednesdays
TIMES:	Between 5PM-8PM
Registration Period:	Now thru Aug 21
V.S.E. Aug. 27th	Coaches Meeting to follow
Participant Fee:	\$52 Financial Assistance Fee: \$40
Late Registration	thru Aug 27 (Only if availability permits)
Late Fee:	\$59
LIMIT	

GIRL'S GRADES 2ND -3RD VOLLEYBALL CLINIC

LOCATION: Erickson Community Center Gym
 DAYS: Sundays
 DATES: September 7, 14, 21, 28
 October 5, 12
 GRADE & TIME: 2nd Grade 3rd Grade
 1-2 pm 2:15-3:15 pm

Registration Period: Now thru Aug. 28: Participant Fee: \$48
 Financial Assistance Rate- \$36
 Late Registration (Only if availability permits): Late Fee: \$55
 LIMIT: 12 minimum; 18 maximum for 2nd thru 3rd Grade
 It is recommended that girls wear knee pads. Coaches and T-shirts are provided.

GIRL'S GRADES 4TH-6TH VOLLEYBALL CAMPS

SERVING CAMP

LOCATION: Erickson Community Center Gym
 DAYS: Sundays
 DATES: September 7, 14, 21
 GRADE & TIME: 4th-6th Grade, 4-5pm

Registration Period: Now thru Aug. 28: Participant Fee: \$30
 Financial Assistance Rate - \$22
 Late Registration (Only if availability permits): Late Fee: \$37
 LIMIT: 12 minimum; 30 maximum for Camp. It is recommended that girls wear knee pads. Coaches are provided.

PASSING CAMP

LOCATION: Erickson Community Center Gym
 DAYS: Sundays
 DATES: Sept 28, Oct 5, 12
 GRADE & TIME: 4th-6th Grade, 4-5pm

Registration Period: Now thru Sept. 18: Participant Fee: \$30
 Financial Assistance Rate- \$22
 Late Registration (Only if availability permits): Participant Fee: \$37
 LIMIT: 12 minimum; 30 maximum for Camp. It is recommended that girls wear knee pads. Coaches are provided.

GIRL'S GRADES 4TH-6TH VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

LOCATION: Erickson Community Center Gym
 DAYS: Sunday Afternoons
 DATES: October 26
 November 2, 9, 16 (No games 11/23), 30
 December 7

Registration Period: Now thru Sept 25
 Participant Fee: \$52
 Financial Assistance Rate - \$40
 Late Registration (Only if availability permits): Late Fee: \$59
 LIMIT: 12 minimum; 36 maximum for 4th thru 6th Grade. It is recommended that girls wear knee pads. T-shirts are provided.
 * A VISUAL SKILL EVALUATION (V.S.E.) is for new players or for players requesting to be re-drafted. Returning players are automatically placed on the same team as the previous year. V.S.E. time on Thursday, October 9, 2025 - 5:30pm at the Erickson Center
 Coaches Meeting to Follow the VSE At 6:30pm At the Erickson Center

ADULT VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

1. ENTRY PROCEDURE: Fall Due Date: Thurs., Sept. 25, by 5 pm
 Entries contain Team & Manager Info and Entry Fees Paid
 Only original rosters accepted no copies. Items must be completed to establish entry order due to space limitations. (Forms available from the Department Office.)
 2. ENTRY FEE: Volleyball: \$175
 \$25 late fee charged after deadline, IF entry is accepted.
 3. LEAGUE MEETING: FALL: Thursday, October 2
 Site: Erickson Center All Volleyball—5:30 pm Agenda to include review of playing rules, administration of league play and preliminary schedule distribution. Rosters completed first night of play/practice
 4. FALL SEASON: Playing nights-Oct 13, 2025-Jan 15, 2026 (approx.)
 Times: 6 - 10 pm Weekdays
 Monday: Mixed Power Volleyball
 Wednesday: Women's Power Volleyball
 Thursday: Mixed Modified Volleyball
 Women' Modified Volleyball (Upper & Lower)

No games Oct 27 Nov 24-27 (Thanks.) Dec 22-25 (Holiday Break)

5. ROSTER ADMINISTRATION: Roster change deadline: Fall: Nov. 13
 Rosters are frozen after the deadline listed above. Two exceptions are new citizens and team hardship. Players can only play on one team in each division: (Women's or Mixed). All individual players must sign the original Team Roster. The department accepts registrations for teams only. If individuals are interested in getting involved on a team, a "Look For a Team" list is kept. To place your name on this list, which is made available to team managers, please call 243-1260.
 Due to limited facilities, each league is limited to 12 teams per night

RIVERVIEW BACON & BREWFEST

6TH ANNUAL

Date: 10/4/2025 Time: 3pm - 7pm

Riverview Park Bandshell

Cost \$25 per person

Beer and Bacon | Music and Games

Competitions like bacon eating contest, best bacon vendor and mug holding contest!

FALL FEST

10/18/25 11am – 3pm • Free to attend!

Location – Soaring Eagle Nature Center, 3923 North 3rd Street, Clinton, Iowa 52732
 Sheriff Train Ride • Bounce House • Scavenger Hunt • Hay Rack Ride • Black Smith Demo
 Hot cocoa • Hot dogs • Face Painting • Games • Free Pumpkins

FALL YOUTH SOCCER

Register online clintoniowa.recdesk.com, choose "Programs"

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 the 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.

*Request will be limited

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

1. Beginner 2. Intermediate 3. Advanced

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

LOCATION: Jurgenson Soccer Complex, Clinton, IA
 DAYS: Saturday and some Tuesday's/Thursday for (Pre-K, K-1,2-3)
 DATES: Sept – 13, 20, 27 Oct. 4, 11, 18 (Rain date Oct.25)
 AGES: 3 years old through 8th grade (2025-2026 school year)

Registration Period: Now through Thurs, Aug 7th (Don't forget you can register online)
 Participant Fee: \$52 Financial Assistance Fee: \$40
 Late Registration thru Aug 20 (Only if availability permits): Late Fee: \$59

ADULT BASKETBALL OPEN GYM

DAYS: Sunday Nights
 TIME: 6-9pm
 AGES: Adults 18 and older
 FEE: \$3 Regardless of membership status
 Approx. Dates: Nov 2nd– March 29th
 No Open Gym (Nov.23, Dec. 21, 28 Feb. 8)
 ADULTS ONLY 18+

LITTLE SHOOTERS BASKETBALL SKILLS & DRILLS CLINIC

This 6-week program is designed to introduce basketball fundamentals at the elementary age and early MS level. Participants will learn the basic basketball fundamentals of passing, dribbling, defense and shooting through age-appropriate drills. The program is instruction based and is conducted by experienced staff, as well as local high school players. Participants will experience 4 weeks of skills and drills session, followed by 2 weeks of scrimmage games. Each participant will receive a T-shirt.

WHO: Boys and girls in grades K-6th (2025-2026 school year)
 LOCATION: Erickson Community Center, Gymnasium
 DAYS: Saturdays
 DATES: Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22 (No 11/29), December 6 & 13
 TIME: Kindergarten: 9 am - 10 am
 1st-2nd Grade: 10:15 am - 11:15 am
 3rd-4th Grade: 11:30 am - 12:30 pm
 5th-6th Grade: 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Registration Period: Now through October 16th: Participant Fee: \$48
 Financial Assistance Rate - \$36
 Late Registration (only if availability permits): Late Fee: \$55
 LIMIT: 60 maximum per session

MINI SHOOTERS PRESCHOOL BASKETBALL CLINIC

Get your preschooler off to an early start in this program designed to introduce basketball movements at an early age. Participants will learn the basic basketball fundamentals of passing, dribbling and shooting through age-appropriate drills. Participants will engage in activities that will increase hand-eye coordination for youngsters.

SESSION: 3yr Old Parent Tot Mini Shooters
 LIMIT: 12 per Session
 LOCATION: Erickson Community Center, Small Gym
 DAYS: Tuesdays
 DATES: November 4, 11, 18 December 2, 9 (No 11/25)
 AGES: 3yr. olds (Do not need to attend preschool)
 Participants must turn 3 yr. olds prior to the end of the program.
 TIME: 5 – 5:45 pm, 6-6:45pm

Registration Period: Now through Oct. 16th Participant Fee: \$44
 Financial Assistance Rate - \$33
 Late Registration (only if availability permits): Late Fee: \$51

SESSION: 4 AND 5YR OLD MINI SHOOTERS

LIMIT: 20 per Session
 LOCATION: Erickson Community Center, Small Gym
 DAYS: Thursdays
 DATES: November 6, 13, 20 December 4, 11 (No 11/27)
 AGES: 4 & 5 yr. olds (Do not need to attend preschool)
 TIME: 5 – 5:45 pm, 6-6:45pm

Registration Period: Now through Oct. 16th Participant Fee: \$44
 Financial Assistance Rate - \$33
 Late Registration (only if availability permits): Participant Fee: \$51
 LIMIT: 20 per Session

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Location: Riverview Skatepark
 Dates and Times to be announced

ADDITIONAL PARKS & RECREATION ACTIVITIES CONTINUED ON PAGE 6

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT CONTINUED

DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

You can pick up the application form and return it to the Parks & Recreation Department Office in person at the Erickson Community Center, 1401 11th Avenue North, Clinton, Iowa. You must have a photo I.D. that will be photocopied when you submit your application. Applications must be returned before you can take the proficiency test. You do not need to show proof of hunter safety if you participated in last season's hunt. Please read all the material. Proficiency testing is required for hunters who did not take the test in 2024-2025 season. Proficiency testing is required every other year. The testing is TBA or by appointment by calling 563/243-1260. Testing will take place at the Erickson Community Center (by the pond) – 1401 11th Avenue North – Clinton, IA. Completion of a "Deer Harvest Report" is required within 24 hours of harvest. Complete a report at Central Fire Station – 344 3rd Ave. N.

RV CAMPGROUND – CLINTON MARINA

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RENTALS AT ERICKSEN COMMUNITY CENTER

Make the Erickson Community Center your place for a special kids' birthday, scouts, class, or Sunday school party. Two different packages:

Party Package A: Community Room and Small Gym- \$60/hr.– Community Room holds up to 70 people with tables and chairs and the small gym is across the hall with 2 basketball hoops.

Party Package B: Commons Area and Big Gym-\$80/hr.– Commons area holds up to 35 people and has access to the Big Gym.

LOCATION: Erickson Community Center,

DAY & TIME: Call for availability

RESERVATION DEADLINE: Five business days notice minimum

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

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OUTDOOR FACILITIES-APRIL 30-OCT 15

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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

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CLINTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

HANDS FREE DRIVING LAW

A significant change is coming to Iowa's roadways this summer as Senate File 22, the state's new hands-free driving law, officially goes into effect July 1, 2025. The legislation aims to reduce distracted driving by banning most manual cell phone use while operating a motor vehicle.

According to the Iowa DOT, over 1,000 crashes in 2023 were linked to distracted driving, statistic lawmakers hope to curb with this stricter legislation.

Under the new law, drivers are prohibited from

holding or manually operating a phone while the vehicle is in motion. This includes actions such as dialing numbers, texting, browsing apps, or taking videos. Instead, motorists are encouraged to use voice-activated or hands-free technology, such as Bluetooth or dashboard-integrated systems.

Key points of the law include:

- Use of handheld devices while driving is prohibited.
- Exceptions are made for emergency services, calling 911, and certain two-way or dispatch

communications.

- First-time violations may result in warnings as drivers adjust, but citations and fines are expected to follow starting in January 2026.
- The law applies to drivers of all ages, expanding upon Iowa's previous texting-and-driving ban that only fully applied to young drivers.

What Clinton Drivers Should Do

- The Clinton Police Department encourages all drivers to start preparing now:
- Purchase a hands-free mount for your phone

- Familiarize yourself with voice command features
- Plan your route before driving
- Keep your focus on the road, not the screen

For more information or questions about Senate File 22, residents can contact the Clinton Police Department at (563) 243-1458 or visit our website.

Drive smart. Drive safe. Go hands-free.
Cpt. Matt Lorenzen

OVERDOSES

International Overdose Awareness Day is August 31st.

Preventing Overdose: The Hidden Danger in Counterfeit Pills Containing Fentanyl
In recent years, a troubling and deadly trend has emerged across communities in the United States and beyond: a sharp rise in fatal drug overdoses driven by fentanyl-laced counterfeit pills. These pills are often nearly indistinguishable from legitimate prescription medications, making the threat especially difficult to detect. Understanding this crisis—and how to prevent overdoses—can save lives.

What is Fentanyl?

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid used in medical settings to treat severe pain. However, illegally manufactured fentanyl has flooded the illicit drug market. It is extremely potent—50 to 100 times stronger than morphine—and just a tiny amount can be lethal.

Illicit fentanyl is often pressed into pills that look like prescription medications such as oxycodone, Percocet, Xanax, or even Adderall. These counterfeit pills may be sold online, on social media, or by dealers, and users often have no idea they contain fentanyl until it's too late.

The Overdose Risk is Real—and Rising

A dose of just 2 milligrams of fentanyl (about the size of a few grains of salt) can be fatal, especially for individuals without a tolerance to opioids. Many overdose victims believed they were taking a familiar prescription drug, only to unwittingly ingest a deadly amount of fentanyl.

Recognizing the Signs of Overdose

Prompt recognition of an overdose is crucial. Common signs include:

- Extremely slow or stopped breathing

- Blue or grayish lips and fingertips
- Loss of consciousness or unresponsiveness
- Gurgling or choking noises
- Cold, clammy skin

If you suspect someone is experiencing an overdose, call 911 immediately. Seconds matter.

How to Prevent Overdose

1. Never Take Unknown or Unprescribed Pills
Avoid taking pills that weren't prescribed specifically for you. If you didn't get it from a pharmacy, it's not safe—no matter what the person selling or sharing it says.

2. Carry and Know How to Use Naloxone (Narcan)

Naloxone is a life-saving medication that can reverse an opioid overdose. It's available without a prescription in many states and should be part of any emergency preparedness kit, especially for those at risk.

3. Spread the Word

Educate friends, family, and your community about the dangers of counterfeit pills and how to prevent overdoses. The more people know, the more lives can be saved.

Resources and Support

If you or someone you know is struggling with substance use, you are not alone. Help is available:

- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) – 24/7 Helpline: 1-800-662-HELP (4357)
- Never Use Alone – A phone-based overdose prevention hotline
- Local health departments and harm reduction programs often provide free naloxone and test strips

IOWA LOWERS FIREARM CARRY AGE

What the 2025 Law Change Really Means

Beginning July 1, 2025, a new chapter in Iowa's firearm legislation will take effect—one that significantly lowers the age requirement to carry weapons. While the change appears to expand Second Amendment rights for young adults, it comes with crucial caveats. Understanding the new landscape—especially how it intersects with federal law—is essential for anyone who owns, sells, or carries firearms in Iowa.

The Big Shift: Minimum Age Now 18

Under the new law, individuals 18 years and older will be eligible to carry a firearm in Iowa. This marks a shift from prior state regulations that placed stricter age limitations on handgun possession and carry privileges.

This change opens the door for more young adults—particularly those aged 18 to 20—to lawfully carry firearms under Iowa law. However, when it comes to purchasing firearms, especially handguns, the rules get more complicated due to federal restrictions that remain in place.

Federal Law Still Reigns at the Gun Counter

Despite Iowa's changes, federal law prohibits federally licensed firearms dealers (FFLs) from selling pistols or revolvers to anyone under 21. This restriction is rooted in 18 U.S.C. § 922(t) and is not affected by state-level modifications.

To purchase a handgun from an FFL, a person must:

- Be 21 years of age or older, and
- Have either a valid permit to acquire or permit to carry, or
- Pass a federal background check.

No permits to acquire or carry will be issued to individuals under 21, which means that even if an 18-year-old can lawfully carry a pistol in Iowa, they cannot legally buy it from a licensed dealer.

Private sales, on the other hand, may still occur under Iowa law for 18- to 20-year-olds—but these transactions must still comply with all applicable federal guidelines.

Youth Access and Legal Boundaries

Iowa Code Section 724.22 outlines key changes regarding youth access to firearms and the responsibilities of adults who supervise or transfer weapons to minors.

- It is illegal to sell, loan, or give a pistol or revolver—or matching ammunition—to anyone under the age of 18.
- A first offense is classified as a serious misdemeanor.
- Subsequent offenses rise to a Class D felony.

That said, there are exceptions:

- Ages 18–20 may legally possess handguns if they are:
- On active military duty
- Working as a peace officer, security guard, or corrections officer
- Receiving firearms instruction from an instructor 21 or older

One previous provision allowing such possession under instruction has now been removed, suggesting a narrowing of the law's scope. For those under 18, handgun possession is only allowed with direct supervision by:

- A parent, guardian, or spouse who is 18 or older, or
- A certified instructor who is at least 18

"Direct supervision" is explicitly defined in law as maintaining physical presence, visual/verbal contact, and sobriety at all times.

Liability for Minors Under 14

A particularly important section of the law addresses liability for very young minors:

If a parent, guardian, or spouse (age 18+) allows a child under 14 to possess a handgun or ammunition—even under supervision—they are strictly liable for any damage or injury caused by the child's possession of the weapon.

This clause underscores the seriousness with which the law treats gun access for younger minors and the burden of responsibility placed on adults.

The Bottom Line

Iowa's new firearm laws aim to expand carry rights to more young adults—but the changes come with important limitations and legal nuances.

- If you're under 21, you may carry, but you cannot buy a handgun from a licensed dealer.
- If you're a parent or guardian, you bear legal responsibility for firearm access and misuse by minors under your supervision.

Understanding these distinctions is essential for staying compliant and safe. Whether you're a gun owner, firearms dealer, or parent, take time to review the updated code—and stay informed as interpretations and enforcement practices evolve.

Resources

- Iowa Department of Public Safety: <https://dps.iowa.gov>
- Federal Firearms Regulations Reference Guide: <https://www.atf.gov>
- Legal Aid or Local Sheriff's Office: For questions regarding private sales and state-federal crossover issues.

PROJECT PEOPLE

The Clinton Police Department and UnityPoint Health-Robert Young Center have been in partnership since 2019 through Co-Responders. The goal of the Co-Responder is to assist people in crisis alongside first responders and connect people to proper services.

This model bridges the gap between first responder contact and connection to social services or resources. Throughout our time working together, we've noticed an increase in people lacking basic needs. Basic needs can include anything from socks and underwear to toothpaste and soap. When people are lacking the essentials for daily living, it can cause an increase in police and first responder contacts. The goal of Project People is to provide these basic needs for those at the greatest level of need.

Project People was started due to our current Co-Re-

sponder, Cammi, and our officers wanting to further assist the citizens we encounter. Something as simple as a new toothbrush and toothpaste, or aloe for sunburn can make an enormous difference in someone's day. Our community can band together to help those in need, and this project speaks directly to those community values.

Our goal is to gather enough supplies to offer those currently in need and those we will continue to encounter in the future. We've already begun gathering donations, so let's keep the momentum going!

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CODE ENFORCEMENT

Chapter 94 Grass, Weeds, Vines And Brush

The City of Clinton is committed to maintaining a clean, healthy, and attractive community. As part of this effort, we'd like to remind residents and property owners of their responsibilities under Chapter 94 of the City Code.

What the Ordinance Requires:

- All residential, commercial, and industrial property owners must cut or destroy grass, weeds, vines, and brush when growth exceeds 8 inches in height.
- This includes all areas abutting road right-of-way, such as:
 - Boulevards
 - Side yards
 - Back alleys

Why It Matters:

- Health & Safety: Overgrown vegetation can harbor pests like rodents, ticks, and mosquitoes.
- Community Pride: Well-maintained lawns enhance neighborhood appearance and property values.
- Compliance: Failure to maintain your property may result in city action and associated costs.

Don't Forget:

Even the back of your property along alleys must be maintained!

Grass Clipping In The Street

97.003 Placing Debris In / On Streets

As summer mowing season is in full swing, the City of Clinton reminds all residents and property owners of the importance of keeping our streets clean and storm drains clear.

What You Need to Know:

Under Chapter 97.003 of the City Code, it is unlawful to throw or deposit grass clippings, leaves, or any debris onto any street or alley. This includes:

- Grass clippings blown into the street while mowing
- Leaves, trash, or other yard waste
- Any material that could clog storm sewers or pose a hazard

Why It Matters:

- Storm Drain Safety: Grass and debris can clog storm sewers, leading to flooding.
- Environmental Protection: Debris in the street can wash into waterways, harming local ecosystems.
- Public Safety: Loose debris can be hazardous to pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles.

What You Should Do:

- Always blow clippings back into your yard or collect them after mowing.
- Never sweep or blow yard waste into the street.
- Help your neighbors stay informed and

compliant.

Chapter 98 Trees

As part of our ongoing commitment to public safety and neighborhood beautification, the City of Clinton reminds all property owners of their responsibilities under Chapter 98 of the City Code regarding tree maintenance.

What You Need to Know:

- Maintain Clearance: Property owners must ensure that any trees growing on or overhanging public streets and sidewalks adjacent to their property are properly trimmed.

Minimum Clearance:

- 13 feet above streets
- 9 feet above sidewalks

• Why It Matters:

Proper tree trimming ensures safe passage for vehicles and pedestrians, prevents damage to city infrastructure, and enhances the overall appearance of our community.

• Enforcement Process:

- If a tree is found to be in violation:
 1. The city will issue a notice requiring the trimming to be completed within five (5) days.
 2. If not addressed, the city may perform the trimming.
 3. The cost of the work will be assessed to the property and collected in the same manner as property taxes.

Chapter 79.07 Parking Prohibited

The City of Clinton reminds all residents and property owners of the regulations regarding off-street parking in front yards, as outlined in the city's zoning code.

What's Allowed:

- Parking in the front yard is prohibited unless the vehicle is parked on an approved hard-surfaced driveway.
- The front yard is defined as the area extending across the full width of the lot, from the front of the building to the front property line.

Why This Matters:

- Preserves neighborhood aesthetics
- Prevents damage to lawns and public infrastructure
- Supports property values and community pride

Stay Compliant:

- Use only paved driveways for parking in front of your home.
- Avoid parking on grass, dirt, or any unapproved surface in the front yard.

Swimming Pools

Supplemental Regulations 159.045

As summer heats up, the City of Clinton

reminds residents of important regulations regarding the installation and maintenance of swimming pools, hot tubs, and spas.

Location Requirements:

- Front yards: Pools are not allowed in front yards.
- Side & rear yards: Pools (including decks) must be at least 2 feet from any side or rear property line.

• Corner lots:

- If the pool is:
 - 10 feet or less from the main building, it may align with the building line.
 - More than 10 feet from the main building, it must be at least 10 feet from the corner street side property line.

• A 10-foot visual clearance zone is required where a corner lot abuts an alley.

What Qualifies as a Pool?

Any structure over 24 inches deep intended for swimming, wading, or bathing, including:

- In-ground and above-ground pools
- On-ground pools
- Hot tubs and spas
- Fixed-in-place wading pools

Yes, this includes temporary pools!

Maintenance & Safety:

Under Chapter 90.02(N):

- Pools, spas, and hot tubs must be kept clean, sanitary, and in good repair.
- Security fencing is required per AG105.2 of the 2006 International Residential Code.
- Unclean or unsafe pools are considered nuisances and may be subject to penalties and abatement.

Signs In The Right Of Way 159.048

This Includes All Signage

The City of Clinton reminds residents, businesses, and event organizers of the regulations regarding signs and banners in public spaces, especially within the public right-of-way.

What's Not Allowed Without A Permit:

- No signs or banners may be placed in or overhanging the traveled portion of any public street or alley.
- No signs may be affixed to city poles or property without written consent from the City Administrator.

What's Allowed with a Permit:

- Temporary signs or banners advertising public events of general importance may be allowed with approval.
- The City Administrator must determine the event's significance and approve:
 - The dates the sign/banner will be displayed
 - The location and height
 - A visual exhibit of the proposed sign/banner
 - The City Engineer must confirm it can be safely suspended without obstructing views

or traffic.

- Liability Notice: Applicants are civilly liable for any damage to city poles or property caused by the installation of signs or banners.

Let's Work Together

These rules help maintain clear sightlines, safe roadways, and a visually appealing community.

Chapter 50.25 (3) City Garbage Totes

To maintain the cleanliness and safety of our neighborhoods, the City of Clinton enforces regulations on when and where garbage, yard waste, and recycling containers may be placed for collection.

What the Ordinance Says:

- Do not place containers on the parking, terrace, or alley more than 12 hours before your scheduled collection day.

- Remove containers from the parking, terrace, or alley within 12 hours after collection has occurred.

Why It Matters:

- Prevents clutter and obstruction in public spaces
- Reduces the risk of windblown litter
- Helps maintain neighborhood appearance and hygiene

Best Practices:

- Set out totes the evening before your collection day.
- Bring them back in promptly after pickup.
- Store containers in a location that does not obstruct sidewalks or alleys.

Chapter 90 Nuisance Ordinance Reminder

The City of Clinton is committed to maintaining a clean, safe, and livable environment for all residents. Chapter 90 of the City Code outlines what constitutes a nuisance and how such issues are addressed.

Common Nuisances Include:

- Accumulation of Rubbish or Garbage: All properties must be kept free of trash, debris, and unsanitary waste—both inside and outside structures

- Abandoned or Inoperable Vehicles: Vehicles that are unregistered, in disrepair, or left unattended for over 24 hours may be considered abandoned. Major repairs must be done indoors or in approved areas.

Why This Matters:

- Prevents health hazards like pests and disease
- Protects property values
- Enhances neighborhood appearance and safety

CLINTON REGIONAL WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY

The Regional Water Reclamation Facility (RWRF) continues to make major progress on its facility expansion, with several new systems going online this summer to improve how we treat and manage wastewater for the City of Clinton.

In July, we're excited to begin operating our brand-new **sludge dryer**. This system will significantly reduce the volume of biosolids we produce, which means fewer truckloads to haul and lower disposal costs. The dryer also creates a cleaner, more manageable product for land application, which supports our long-term sustainability goals.

Also now online are additional **aeration basins and final clarifiers**.

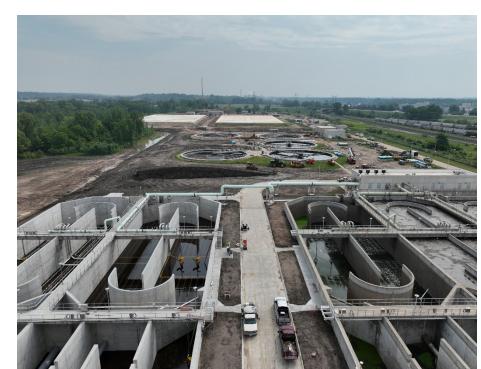
These components are essential to how we treat wastewater, and the new equipment gives us more capacity and reliability. This is especially important as the community continues to grow and send more flow to the

plant. The extra treatment capacity helps us stay ahead of demand and maintain high-quality water standards.

Looking ahead to **August**, we'll be starting up our **anaerobic digesters**, also known as **reactors**. These digesters break down solids and capture **methane gas**, which we will clean and convert into **renewable natural gas (RNG)**. Once fully operational, this system will allow us to turn waste into energy, reducing our environmental footprint.

Each of these systems is a major step toward modernizing the RWRF and preparing Clinton for the future. We appreciate your continued support as we bring these critical upgrades online.

— Taylor Kleppe
Director, Regional Water Reclamation Facility



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October 3 - November 2

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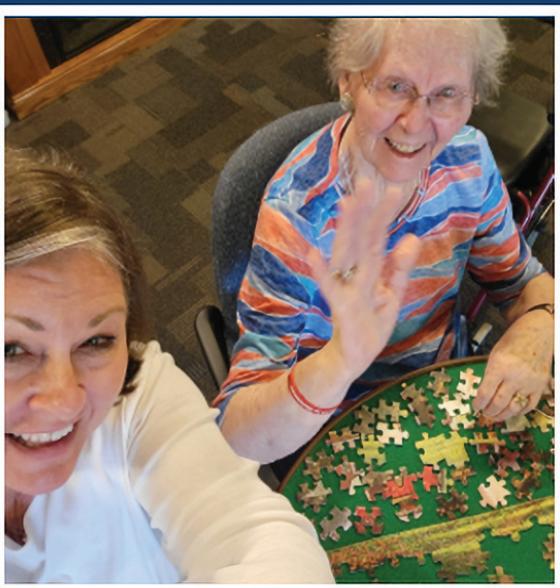
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The Clinton Public Library aspires to be an accessible resource for our community where all can discover, learn, create, connect, and grow. The Mission of the Clinton Public Library is to provide a welcoming and inclusive environment, offer programs and services to benefit all ages, and connect people to resources with the goal of enriching our diverse community.

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday – Thursday: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Friday – Saturday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

CONTACT US

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Genealogy Department Phone: (563) 242-5355
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CLINTON PUBLIC LIBRARY'S MARKET MUSIC

This library event is free to the public and is held on Wednesday nights at Lyons Four Square Park during Farmer's Market. Please join us and support Farmer's Market and the Lyons District. Bring your lawn chair, shop the farmer's market, and get ready for some great music! Select Wednesdays, 5 - 7 p.m. Thank you to our generous sponsors!

August 13: Todd Striley & the Noize & Hy-Vee Food Service

August 27: Brooke Byam & B & T Smokin BBQ

FREE SUMMER FUN FOR FAMILIES

Boom! Science Center of Iowa

Wednesday, August 6th at 1:30 p.m. | Clinton Park (301 S 4th St)
Why do things explode? We'll explore the interactions of pressure, temperature and states of matter to explain why things pop, bang or blow up. Experiment with ultra-cold liquid nitrogen and combustible gases in this spectacular assembly. For K – 8th graders.

Pool Storytime

Wednesday, August 13th at 11a.m. | Riverview Pool (101 S 1st St, Clinton, IA 52732)
Come chill with us in the wading pool and splash pad for storytime, songs, and swimming! Registration is not required this year. For Pre-K kids.

Park Night

Wednesday, August 13th from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. | Clinton Park (301 S 4th St)
Join us for an evening of outdoor fun! Enjoy yard games, sports activities, music, and more for free. This family-friendly event is organized by the City of Clinton's Parks and Recreation Department and the Clinton Public Library.

Big Summer Blowout!

Friday, August 15th from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. | Riverview Park
Yoo-hoo! Join us in celebrating the end of summer with a Glo Party! Music, glow sticks, foam cannons, and the Rivals Hot Shot Wagon! All ages are welcome.

SAVE THE DATE: INFORMATION FAIR!

Wednesday, September 17, 4 - 6 p.m.

Learn about local resources, eat free food, and win prizes at the Information Fair! Attendees can talk with representatives from local organizations about free and low-cost resources that can support their education, finances, health, and more. Individuals from all socioeconomic backgrounds can benefit by attending this event, but some resources are only available for low-income households.

SPECIAL ADULT PROGRAMS

Medicare 101 Informational Workshop

Friday, August 15, 1 - 2 p.m.

Multipurpose Room

Ready to navigate the world of Medicare with confidence? Our Medicare 101 class breaks down the basics, clarifies confusing terms, and helps you understand your coverage options. Learn how Medicare works, what it covers, and how to make informed decisions about your healthcare. This program is presented by Kara Wolf, an Insurance Specialist with Huiskamp Collins Investments LLC in Davenport, IA.

Clinton's Front Door: The History of Clinton's Railroad Depots

Saturday, September 20, 1 - 2 p.m.

Multipurpose Room

325 11th Avenue. Not an address that comes to mind for most Clintonians. Yet, for 50 years, this address was Clinton's front door, greeting Presidents, movie stars, and the general public daily. The Chicago and Northwestern Railroad passenger station has a rich and colorful history forever tied to the city. When it was opened in 1920, only Milwaukee and Chicago had a larger depot on the railroad.

The weekly payroll of the C&NW in Clinton, even then, was larger than the monthly payroll

of all the sawmills combined in their heyday.

Please join us to hear about the fascinating heritage and history of this building, and more!

Registration is required, please register through our online calendar or call (563) 242-8441. Dave Bahnsen, a native of Clinton, is a historical researcher and volunteer at the State of Iowa Historical Society library in Iowa City, IA and works for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

SATURDAY YOUTH EVENTS

Storytime

1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month, 10:30 a.m.

Lower Level

Join us for fun stories, songs, puppet shows, and a craft to take home! For Pre-K kids.

All-Ages Chess Club

1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month, 2 - 3 p.m.

Lower Level

Come play chess with us! All ages and skill levels are welcome.

Legs Club

2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month, 2 - 3 p.m.

Lower Level

Show off your building skills, learn some tricks of the trade, complete a mini build challenge, or enjoy some open building time with buckets of bricks. For all ages!

ONLY A FEW WEEKS LEFT OF THE CLINTON READING CHALLENGE!

Read this summer to help Clinton, Iowa win the Clinton Reading Challenge for the second year in a row! We're competing against New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Massachusetts, and Indiana to see which Clinton will read the most hours this summer. The challenge goes through midnight on Monday, September 1st (Labor Day). The deadline to submit your reading time is Friday, Sept. 5th.

HOW IT WORKS:

- Record your weekly reading time in hours. You can count anything you read. (Audiobooks do count!)
- Submit your reading time online through our website or fill out a physical form. You can even backlog your hours! Just make sure to submit your reading time by Friday, Sept 5th.
- Readers 18+ can join the fun at any time. You can start now —or even the last week of the challenge. Every hour counts!

CLINTON PUBLIC LIBRARY CONTINUED

WEEKLY YOUTH EVENTS

Wiggle Time!

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. | 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.

Storytime

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. | Lower Level

Join us for fun, stories, songs, puppet shows, and a craft to take home! (Note: Storytime on August 13th will be held at the Riverview Pool at 11 a.m.)

Creative Explorers

Wednesdays at 3 p.m. | 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 Vibe Out

Fridays at 3:30 p.m. | Lower Level.

Teens, join us on Fridays for anime, crafts, and snacks!

MONTHLY ADULT PROGRAMS

#52Stories

Saturday, Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Dec. 6, 1:30 - 3 p.m.
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. This program is held the 1st Saturday of the month unless otherwise noted. Registration is encouraged, please call (563) 242-5355 or register through our online calendar.

The Plarn Project

Saturday, Aug. 16, Oct. 18, 1 - 2 p.m.

We will be taking a break in September, November, and December.
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 3rd Saturday of the month unless otherwise noted. Registration is encouraged, please call (563) 242-5355 or register through our online calendar.

Let's Dish: Potluck Club

4th Saturday of the month, 1 - 2 p.m.

Multipurpose Room

August 23: Summer Harvest

September 27: Fall Favorites

October 25: The Last Meal. If you had to choose what your last meal would be, what would you eat?

November 15: It's a Small World: International Dishes

Calling all foodies! If you have an appetite for new foods and fun conversations, please join us in our monthly Let's Dish: Potluck Club. To participate, each month you will choose and prepare a recipe that matches the theme for our potluck. Bring that dish, and serving utensils, to our potluck to share family style along with the recipe. Feel free to bring a reusable container if there are leftovers to share. Water will be provided and tableware. Meetings will be held the 4th Saturday of the month from 1-2 p.m., unless otherwise noted. Registration is required, please call (563) 242-5355 or register through our online calendar. This is a potluck event and recipes will be prepared in personal kitchens. Please bring a printed copy of your recipe, ask questions if you have allergies, and eat at your own discretion.

Bring Your Own Book Club

Wednesday, Aug. 20, Sept. 24, Oct. 22, 5 - 6:30 p.m.

We will be taking a break in November and December.

Genealogy Department

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. Please call (563) 242-5355, or register through our online calendar.

Sustainability Club: Living Well with CPL!

Free Fruit, Vegetable or Flower Share

June - October. Second Saturday of the Month. 1 - 3 p.m.

Multipurpose Room

Calling all gardeners! The Clinton Public Library is offering a space if you have extra produce, herbs or flowers from your garden and would like to share them with the community. Once per month, from June - October, we will set up a space for donations. Everyone is encouraged to bring your own bag to carry produce, or a receptacle for flowers, to donate what you can't use and to take only what you need. This program will help prevent food waste from area gardens and promote kindness within our community. For anyone sharing, this is what we ask.

- Produce and flowers be fresh and usable. Anything overly ripe or show signs of spoilage is not suitable. No items that require refrigeration.
- You must remain on site if you are sharing. Anything not taken will need to be taken away by the person that brought it, even if you have to leave early. Items cannot be sold on-site, outside, or in the parking lot. No money exchange is allowed as this is a free community event.
- Registration is required for anyone bringing items to share and you will be asked to sign a copy of our procedures so we can book a table for you. All sharing will be done in the Multi-Purpose Room on the 2nd floor. (Anyone sharing can keep a tally for their table and give it to whoever is working in genealogy when they leave.)

Sustainability Club: Living Well with CPL!

Help us Make Boomerang Bags!

Thursdays, July 17, Aug. 21, Sep. 18, October 16, 5 - 6 p.m.

We won't meet in November or December due to the holidays.

Makerspace

Do you like to sew? We are looking for volunteers to cut and sew Boomerang Bags, put together take-n-sew kits, and to help us eliminate the use of plastic bags in the library. Boomerang Bags is a global movement to help tackle plastic pollution and to upcycle and recycle fiber to make home-sewn reusable tote bags as an alternative. These bags will then be provided to library patrons to carry their library books. Registration is required, please register through our online calendar or call (563) 242-8441. This program will be held the 3rd Thursday of the month unless otherwise noted. You must be age 12+ to participate.

MORE UPCOMING SPECIAL PROGRAMS

NEW Halloween Costume Swap

Looking for a fun, budget-friendly, and eco-conscious way to celebrate Halloween? Join us for our Halloween Costume Swap at the Clinton Public Library! Bring your family's gently used costumes and accessories to the library and trade them in for something "new-to-you"! Whether you're a witch, a superhero, or a spooky skeleton, there's something for everyone. Families with children of all ages are welcome to peruse the selections. Let's reduce waste, save money, and make this Halloween magical for everyone!

Donation Drop-Off: September 22 - 27, during library hours**Costume Swap Event:**

• Ticket holders: Friday, October 3: 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, October 4: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

• Open to everyone: Saturday, October 4 - 1:00-5:00 pm

Location: Clinton Public Library Meeting Room**HOW IT WORKS:**

- When people donate costumes and accessories, they will receive a special ticket to get first dibs at the swap. Following the ticket holder swap, the event will be open to everyone (while supplies last) to get a free costume, even if they were unable to donate to the swap.

- Costumes and accessories should be clean and in "good" to "excellent" condition.

- We can't guarantee that you will find a costume in your size or fit.

- The swap is on a first come first served basis. However, please be respectful of other swappers and only swap for what you need.

- Costumes may be tried on at the event; we suggest you wear something you can slip a costume over to avoid the hassle of dressing and undressing.

- Any un-swapped items will be donated to a local nonprofit community service organization or school.

WHAT YOU CAN BRING:

- Clean, gently used costumes (all ages & sizes)

- Capes, masks, props, or other costume accessories (no hats or wigs, please)

Puzzle Exchange

Swap your old jigsaw puzzles for gently-used ones through the Clinton Public Library's third-annual puzzle exchange!

Drop off: Monday, Nov. 10 - Saturday, Nov. 15 (Closed Tuesday, Nov. 11)**Pick up:** Wednesday, Nov 19 - Saturday, Nov 22**HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:**

1. Bring in a gently used jigsaw puzzle—with all of its pieces, please—to the library from Monday, Nov. 10 through Saturday, Nov. 15 during open hours. Please note that the library will be closed on Tuesday, Nov. 11th. When you drop off your puzzle(s), you'll get a ticket to pick up a "new" puzzle—or puzzles!—the following week.

2. Present your ticket and choose a new-to-you puzzle(s) at the library from Wednesday, Nov 19 - Saturday, Nov 22 any time during open hours. Puzzle selection will be on a first come, first served basis.

3. The best part: Begin your new-to-you jigsaw puzzle!

Questions? Call the Main Branch at (563) 242-8411 or email Kate at kstruble@clintonpubliclibrary.us

EXPLORE THE MAKERSPACE

Tuesdays 1:00-4:30 pm, Thursdays 3:30-7:00 pm, or by appointment

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 · Epson Sublimation Printer · Sublimation Oven
HP Large Format Printer · Laminators (desktop & poster sizes) · Brother Embroidery Machine
Hatch Embroidery Software · Brother Sewing Machines · Coil & Comb Binding Machines
Fiber Arts (crochet, knitting, cross stitch) · Silhouette Cameo 4 Pro · Wood Burning Kit

MAKERSPACE CLASSES

Learn to Sew: A Beginner's Workshop [4 Part Series]

1st Thursday of the month September-December, 5 - 7 p.m.

Makerspace Registration Required [Limit 9] Age: 10+

Always wanted to learn how to sew but didn't know where to start? Join us for a hands-on Learn-to-Sew class designed just for beginners! In this friendly, no-pressure workshop, you'll get comfortable with the basics of both hand and machine sewing.

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:

- How to thread a needle and operate a sewing machine

- Basic stitches and simple sewing techniques

- Sewing tips to build your confidence and creativity

- How to make a reusable tote bag

All materials and equipment provided. No experience needed—just bring your curiosity and creativity! This class is perfect for anyone wanting to develop a new skill, save money, or explore a creative hobby. Whether you're dreaming of making your own clothes, fixing a favorite garment, or crafting handmade gifts, this class is the perfect place to start

Make, Mend, Repair: A Hands-On Fix-It Workshop

2nd Thursdays of each month beginning in September, 5 - 7 p.m., Makerspace

Free | All Ages Welcome | Registration Encouraged; Drop-ins Welcome

Don't toss it—fix it! Join us for Make, Mend, Repair, a creative, community-centered workshop where you'll learn basic repair skills to extend the life of your clothes, textiles, and small household items.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Basic hand and machine sewing techniques for patching, hemming, and mending

- Simple hand tool use for tightening, gluing, or repairing everyday items

- Tips on how to reuse, repurpose, and reduce waste

- A welcoming space to share skills, stories, and resources

Bring something you'd like to fix—like a broken zipper, a missing button, or a broken stuffed animal or toy—or just come to learn! Tools, supplies, and guidance provided. No experience necessary! This workshop is designed to help you build confidence, save money, and support sustainable living—one fix at a time. You bring it, we'll help you fix it! But no promises because we're librarians, not mechanics.

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CLINTON FIRE DEPARTMENT - BUILDING SAFETY DIVISION

Advance Scheduling of Inspections Helps Ensure Quality and Safety

The Building Safety Division is reminding contractors, developers, and property owners about the importance of scheduling building inspections in advance. Same-day inspection requests can limit preparation time for inspectors and potentially affect the quality of inspections. Effective scheduling allows inspectors to thoroughly review project details and focus on ensuring each inspection is conducted with the attention required to ensure the health, safety, general welfare, and sustainability of the community.

Inspections are most effective when sufficient preparation time is allowed. Last-minute or same-day requests can lead to incomplete inspections or delays, as inspectors may not have adequate opportunity to review approved plans, site-specific conditions, and applicable code requirements. Advance scheduling supports a thorough inspection process that prioritizes safety and compliance for the community.

It is encouraged to schedule inspections at least 24 hours ahead of time. This approach reduces the likelihood of encountering potential issues, and contributes to a smoother, more efficient permitting process. Ultimately, careful planning benefits everyone involved by helping to maintain high standards for construction quality and public safety.

The Importance of a Thorough Plan Review

A comprehensive plan review is one of the most important steps in the building permit and inspection process. A well-executed plan review not only verifies code compliance but also identifies potential construction issues early in the process — before materials are ordered and work begins. By catching problems at this stage, the Building

Safety Division helps reduce costly delays, contributing to a smoother and more efficient project for both contractors and property owners.

Plan review serves as a critical quality control checkpoint. It ensures that building components meet the applicable codes and standards. Plan reviewers must approach their work with attention to detail, technical knowledge, and an understanding of construction practices. This thorough review process ultimately supports the goal of protecting public health, safety, general welfare, and sustainability in the built environment.

Investing time and care in the plan review phase also benefits builders by improving communication and setting clear expectations before work begins. It fosters collaboration between the Building Safety Division and the construction team, helping to minimize misunderstandings and inspection issues later in the project. A strong plan review leads to safer buildings, greater public trust in the permitting process, and a higher standard of construction within the community.

Applicants should be aware that obtaining a building permit may take additional time due to the Building Safety Division's commitment to a thorough plan review process. Each submitted plan is carefully examined for compliance with building codes, safety standards, and zoning regulations to help ensure the final construction meets all requirements and protects public health and safety. While in some cases this could potentially result in slightly longer approval times, it ultimately supports higher quality construction and smoother project completion.

Building Safety Division: A Valuable Asset to Owners and Contractors

The City of Clinton's Building Safety Division serves as a vital partner to both property owners

and contractors. The Division's primary goal is to ensure that construction projects are completed safely, meet applicable codes, and contribute to the overall well-being of the community. Rather than acting as an obstacle, the Building Safety Division works alongside contractors and homeowners to help ensure quality outcomes and protect investment in new and existing structures.

Through detailed plan reviews and comprehensive inspections, the Building Safety Division helps identify potential issues early in the construction process. By addressing these matters upfront, contractors and property owners can avoid costly delays, unexpected corrections, and code violations later on. The Division's involvement supports a smoother building process and ultimately leads to safer and more reliable structures for the community.

Staff members within the Building Safety Division strive to build collaborative relationships with contractors, developers, and property owners. By providing clear guidance and consistent enforcement of building codes, inspectors and plan reviewers help foster trust and transparency. When contractors and property owners view the Division as a valuable resource, the entire building process becomes more efficient, and overall project quality improves.

A strong partnership between the Building Safety Division and the construction community benefits everyone involved. Property owners gain peace of mind knowing their investments are being protected through rigorous oversight, while contractors can rely on fair and knowledgeable guidance throughout the project. Working together, the Division and its partners help strengthen the local built environment and promote the long-term safety and resilience of the community.

The Importance of Requesting Building Inspections

Building inspections are a critical part of the construction process that help ensure the safety, quality, and compliance of any project. Each inspection acts as a checkpoint to verify that work is being completed according to approved plans and applicable building codes. Regular inspections protect not only the future occupants of a structure but also the financial investment of property owners and the professional reputation of contractors.

Requesting inspections at the proper stages of construction is essential for keeping a project on track and in compliance. Skipping or delaying required inspections can lead to costly corrections, project delays, and even code violations that may prevent the issuance of a final certificate of occupancy. Properly scheduled inspections help catch potential issues early, when they can be addressed more easily and with less disruption to the overall project timeline.

In addition to protecting life safety, inspections provide important documentation for property records. A thorough inspection history offers future buyers, lenders, and insurance providers confidence that the structure was built to code and in accordance with professional standards. This added level of transparency supports long-term property value and public trust in the local building process.

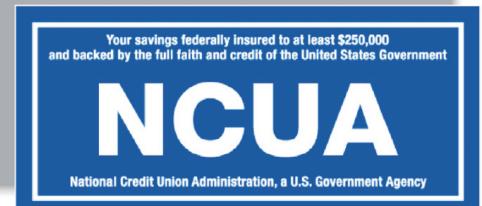
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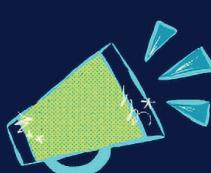


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