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## CLINTON'S BRIGHT HORIZON: A PREVIEW OF THE 2025 STATE OF THE CITY

Clinton is on the move. As the city prepares for its annual State of the City address on November 12, residents can already see the signs of progress from rejuvenated roads, expanded infrastructure, and revitalized neighborhoods. At the same time, the political landscape is shifting, with the November 4 election bringing changes to local elected officials. While results were not yet available at press time, one thing is clear: Clinton's momentum is strong, and its future looks brighter than ever. Mayor Maddasion's upcoming address will spotlight a year of transformation, from billion-dollar economic investments to sustainability initiatives that position Clinton as a regional leader.

### **INFRASTRUCTURE: Building for Tomorrow**

The crown jewel of Clinton's infrastructure efforts is the Regional Water Reclamation Facility (RWRF) Expansion, a \$135 million project, the largest in city history. Nearing completion, the facility has doubled its treatment capacity from 5.6 million gallons per day to 11.6 million, with peak capacity reaching 26 million gallons. This upgrade ensures Clinton can fully treat wastewater from the city, ADM, and surrounding communities.

The expansion includes advanced BVF reactors, clarifiers, aeration basins, and a UV disinfection system. A major milestone was the startup of the BCR Biosolids Dryer, which produces EPA Class A biosolids for agricultural use. Looking

ahead, Clinton plans to implement a Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) system to convert methane into pipeline-quality energy, turning waste into a resource and reinforcing the city's sustainability goals.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: A Billion-Dollar Boom**

Economic growth in Clinton is not just a talking point, it's a reality. Between 2020 and 2024, the city recorded \$1.045 billion in capital improvements, creating 701 high-quality jobs and 198 part-time positions. This figure excludes the pending \$1.3 billion Rail Park project, which promises to be a game-changer for regional logistics and industry.

The Rail Park has already attracted \$255 million in private investment and \$28 million in public infrastructure, with projections nearing \$2 billion in future development. New commercial buildings have added over \$80 million in value, while housing investments total \$87.5 million, including major projects like the Wilson Building Apartments and Cottage Bluff.

Dining continued to see some expansion, with openings for the Copper Mill (2750 S. 27th Street) and Singh's Punjabi Dhaba (2300 Lincoln Way), along with retail giant Adcraft HQ and Retail project at Lyons Business Tech Park is set to enhance customer experience and production efficiency in 2026 will feature a state-of-the-art apparel lab, dynamic office spaces, and a streamlined production layout.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Revitalizing Neighborhoods**

Clinton's commitment to revitalization is evident in its aggressive property maintenance and redevelopment efforts. Since 2017, the city has demolished over 100 nuisance properties, with owners voluntarily removing 62 more. In 2025 alone, 44 properties were cited under the International Property Maintenance Code, with 16 abated and 28 under action plans.

The YMCA Redevelopment Project is underway, with Phase 1A completed to preserve the historic structure and Phase 1B set to begin in Spring 2026. The city also secured \$650,000 in Community Development Block Grants for the Ankeny Building and 508 South 2nd Street.

The Lead & Healthy Homes Program, backed by \$5.2 million over three years, has already completed improvements on nine homes. The city's Roof Grant Program has supported 19 projects since 2023, with two more in progress.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY: Innovation and Outreach**

The Clinton Police Department continues to innovate with its Mobile Crisis Team and Drug Addiction Response Team (DART). In 2025, the Mobile Crisis Team responded to 515 calls, while DART handled 87 calls and 184 individual interactions. These programs, in partnership with Eastern Iowa Mental Health, provide immediate support during mental health crises and

addiction-related incidents.

Crime in Clinton is down 48% compared to the five-year average, with arrests up 12.9% and incident reports down 6%. The department also engages the community through events like National Night Out, Junior Citizens Police Academy, and Safety Town.

The Clinton Fire Department responded to 4,310 calls by mid-October and is on pace for over 5,600 calls this year. With 6,716 training hours, the department maintains readiness and excellence. Community outreach includes 150 smoke detector installs, 36 risk reduction events, and school visits reaching over 1,400 children.

Grants totaling over \$160,000 have supported fire prevention trailers and safety equipment. The department also collaborates on the Mobile Crisis initiative and DART, enhancing care coordination across agencies.

### **PARKS AND RECREATION: Enriching Lives**

Clinton's Parks & Recreation Department continues to shine. The Safety Town program celebrated its 50th anniversary, with new houses built by high school trades students and artwork by local artist Eve Van Kampen. Events like the Heroes & Hooks Fishing Derby, Bike Rodeo, and Bacon & Brew Fest drew hundreds of attendees.

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The REC 24-hour Fitness Center saw a 28% membership increase, and a new dry sauna opens in November. The 25th Ave N Boat Ramp received a new asphalt overlay, and the Lyons 4 Square Park Bandshell was repainted through a partnership with ADM volunteers.

Programming includes youth and adult sports, summer camps, movie nights, and special events. Over the past year, the department hosted 6 sports tournaments, welcomed 3,000+ youth participants, and maintained 95% marina slip rentals.

### **ENGINEERING: Roads, Bridges, and Beautification**

Major engineering projects include improvements to Springdale Drive, S. 13th Street, Main Avenue, and the 36th Ave S bridge near Low Moor. The Pavement Management Program continues to assess and upgrade road conditions citywide.

The Drive to Prosperity initiative includes a \$40 million investment in Manufacturing Drive and Bluff Boulevard, with \$22.1 million in state and federal funding. Public Works also completed beautification projects at Eagle Point Park Fountain and installed new paddle wheels on the Showboat.

### **PUBLIC WORK: Making Improvements Constantly**

Public Works personnel are everywhere. Grounds and Facilities, Streets, Plowing, Mowing, Project and Solid Waste. From constructing IT offices at City Hall, fixing the Castle stairs, coming up with innovative ways to replace an ancient boiler for a new HVAC system at the

Police Station, to creating a new mail room at City Hall, to pouring concrete for street patches and Catch Basins, replacing all the paddles on the Showboat Paddle Wheel, caring for the Eagle Point Park fountain and area around it. To assisting with the new sculptures along the Mississippi River and in front of the Library, Public Works is always out-front making things better in the City.

### **TRANSIT AND MOBILITY: Expanding Access**

The Municipal Transit Administration (MTA) opened a new climate-controlled bus station at 6th Avenue South & Second Street. In FY25, MTA provided 234,182 rides, operated for 25,799 hours, and traveled 365,991 miles. The Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) program accounted for 6,511 rides, including trips to Iowa City and the Mayo Clinic.

Special events like Tailgate N Tallboys saw MTA ridership jump from 2,580 in 2023 to 13,044 in 2024. The department continues to support emergency response, city tours, and community events.

### **AIRPORT: Taking Flight**

The Clinton Airport received \$400,000 from IDOT for ramp rehabilitation and transitioned back to city-operated Fixed Base Operations. The airport welcomed Flight Deck Aviation, hosted the 24th Cessna 150 Fly-In, and saw 17,000 annual visitors, including 350 business jets.

Infrastructure upgrades include joint sealing on Runway 14/32 and fiber optic activation. The airport celebrated 80 years of operations in 2025 and hosted Fly Iowa 2025.

## **LIBRARY AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT: Connecting the Community**

The Clinton Public Library launched the "We Go Beyond Borrowing" campaign, increasing cardholders by 900 and program attendance by 6,000. Services include free Wi-Fi, printing, notary visits, and access to eMaterials. The library recorded 59,608 circulations and 12,519 program attendees in 2025.

Facility upgrades include 21 new windows, restroom renovations, and the opening of the Lyons Library Meeting Space. The library also applied for the Sustainable Libraries Certification and introduced a new mascot—Diggory the Groundhog.

## **FINANCE AND TRANSPARENCY: A Strong Foundation**

Clinton maintains a strong financial position with an A3 (AAA) credit rating. The city levy remains below the 15-year average, and solid waste and sewer rates have held steady since 2017. Transparent budgeting and a robust Capital Improvement Plan ensure fiscal responsibility.

Since 2019, property sales have generated \$552,000, returning unused properties to the tax rolls. The iCompass CivicWeb portal enhances transparency, with nearly 150 subscribers accessing agendas, minutes, and press releases.

### **Looking Ahead**

As Clinton prepares for 2026 and beyond, the city remains committed to innovation, sustainability, and community engagement. With strategic partnerships, visionary leadership, and a passionate citizenry, Clinton is not just growing, it's thriving.

## NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

### **BUILDING NUMBERING CHAPTER 153**

Neighborhood Improvement Committee and the City of Clinton have partnered up to assist residents who are missing house number on the exterior of their homes.

Did you know this is a city code? It sure is! It is required you have 4-inch-high block numbers with a color contrast on the structure.

By having the numbers visible not only for first responders but for door dash, pizza delivery or any type of package delivery.

We have an easy application on the city's webpage.  
www.cityofclintoniowa.gov

### **PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT AWARD**

The Property Improvement Program acknowledge and recognize property owners who have made significant improvements to their properties. To show appreciation, three (3) residential PIP awards are given monthly through the months of May - September each year. Over the years, the Program has expanded to include businesses as well. One (1) business PIP award is given each month throughout the year.

We encourage residents to nominate family members, neighbors, friends that have made significant improvements to their property. By participating in this award, residents play an active role in recognizing and promoting efforts that contribute to a more vibrant and well-maintained city.

## A NEW FLAME COMING SOON TO THE WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY



Over the next couple of months, residents may notice a new flame burning at the Regional Water Reclamation Facility. This flame will come from a flare, which is part of our new gas system being installed as part of the facility's expansion.

As wastewater is treated, methane gas is naturally produced. With the new improvements at the facility, we are now capturing this gas instead of letting it escape. In the near future, the gas will be cleaned and turned into renewable natural gas, creating a valuable energy resource for our community.

Until the purification system is fully up and running, the flare will safely and cleanly burn off the methane. The flame is carefully monitored and controlled at all times, and while it may look unusual, it

is a standard and environmentally responsible part of the process.

When you see the new flame, you'll know it's a sign of progress. It means Clinton is moving forward with modern technology that protects our community, safeguards the Mississippi River, and turns waste into renewable energy for the future.

### **Did You Know?**

- The flame you'll see is called a flare.
- It is a temporary step until the renewable gas system is fully online.
- Flaring is a safe and common practice at facilities like ours.
- The flame is monitored 24/7 to ensure it operates safely.

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Andy Prinsen, Clinton Middle School Principal

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- PoG (Portrait of a Graduate) competencies are intertwined into authentic and engaging projects as part of what and how students learn
- Aiming to plan, teach and assess the PoG competencies with the same fidelity as our Iowa Core promise standards

## EMPOWERING ALL: FUTURE READY

## CLINTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

## WINTER PET SAFETY: KEEPING OUR FURRY FRIENDS SAFE IN COLD WEATHER

As temperatures drop and snow begins to fall, it's important to remember that winter can be just as harsh for our pets as it is for us. Whether you're a dog owner taking daily walks or a cat lover with outdoor explorers, here are some essential tips to keep your pets safe and healthy during the cold months:

### 1. Limit Outdoor Time

Pets can suffer from frostbite and hypothermia just like humans. Limit their time outside, especially during extreme cold, and always bring them in if they show signs of discomfort like shivering or lifting their paws.

### 2. Watch for Antifreeze

Antifreeze is highly toxic to pets, and unfortunately, it has a sweet taste that can attract them. Clean up any spills immediately

and store containers securely out of reach.

### 3. Protect Their Paws

Salt and chemical de-icers can irritate and burn your pet's paws. Wipe their feet after walks and consider using pet-safe ice melt around your home. Booties can also help protect sensitive paws.

### 4. Provide Warm Shelter

If your pet spends time outdoors, ensure they have a dry, insulated shelter that protects them from wind and moisture. Bedding should be thick and warm, and the entrance should be shielded from the elements.

### 5. Adjust Food and Water

Pets may need more calories in the winter to maintain body heat, especially if they're active

outdoors. Make sure they have access to fresh, unfrozen water at all times.

### 6. Be Visible

With shorter daylight hours, visibility is key. Use reflective gear or lights on collars and leashes during evening walks to keep both you and your pet safe.

### 7. Don't Leave Pets in Cars

Just as cars can overheat in summer, they can become dangerously cold in winter. Never leave your pet unattended in a vehicle during freezing temperatures.

Winter can be a magical time, but it also brings unique challenges. By taking a few precautions, we can ensure our pets stay safe, warm, and happy all season long.

## HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS FROM THE CLINTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

As the holiday season approaches, the Clinton Police Department reminds all residents to stay vigilant and take proactive steps to protect themselves, their families, and their property. While this time of year brings joy and celebration, it can also present opportunities for crime. Here are some essential safety tips to help ensure a safe and peaceful holiday:

### HOME SAFETY

- Lock doors and windows at all times, even when you're home.
- Use timers for lights to give the appearance that someone is home.
- Avoid displaying gifts

where they can be seen from outside.

- Secure packages—consider using a lockbox or having deliveries sent to a trusted neighbor if you're away.

### Shopping Safety

- Stay aware of your surroundings in crowded stores and parking lots.
- Keep your purse or wallet close to your body and avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- Shop with a friend when possible, especially after dark.
- Be cautious online—only shop on secure websites and monitor your bank statements for suspicious activity.

### Package Theft Prevention

- Track deliveries and retrieve packages promptly.
- Install security cameras or video doorbells to deter porch pirates.
- Consider in-store pickup or delivery to a secure location.

### If You See Something, Say Something

Report suspicious activity immediately to the Clinton Police Department at (563) 243-1458.

For emergencies, always dial 911.

The Clinton Police Department wishes everyone a safe, joyful, and crime-free holiday season. By working together and staying alert, we can keep our community safe and festive.

As fall tightens its grip on Clinton, Iowa, Clinton residents should be aware of the increased risk of weather-related traffic accidents. With colder nights, possible frost or ice, rain turning to sleet or snow, and more frequent fog or low visibility, residents are being urged to adjust their driving habits significantly in the weeks ahead to avoid becoming part of the statistics.

In Iowa, statewide, winter weather contributes to over 8,000 crashes per year, resulting in roughly 190 fatalities or serious injuries annually, as well as about 2,200 additional injuries and nearly \$48 million in property damage (Iowa DOT).

In Clinton specifically, fatal collision data indicate the city averages one fatal car crash per year. Road conditions, such as icy surfaces or slick curves, have been cited as contributing factors in several incidents. Local crash analysis data shows

that environmental conditions frequently play a role in Clinton County crashes, though precise numbers for non-fatal, weather-related accidents are less easily tracked.

To reduce risk, authorities recommend that Clinton drivers take the following steps:

- **Slow Down and Increase Following Distance.** Wet, icy, or snowy roads reduce traction. Give yourself more time to brake and maneuver.

- **Watch for Black Ice and Frost Bridges.** Shaded roadways, and overpasses freeze faster than open pavement, especially overnight.

- **Perform Vehicle Safety Checks.** Inspect tires for tread depth and proper inflation, test brakes, replace worn wiper blades, and make sure lights and defrosters are working properly.

- **Use Headlights Wisely.** Keep

headlights on in rain, snow, or fog—even during daylight—to improve visibility.

• **Avoid Distractions:** Put down phones and stay alert, especially in low-visibility conditions.

• **Plan Travel Times Carefully.** Monitor local weather and road condition reports and allow extra time to reach destinations safely.

• **Prepare for Emergencies:** Carry a winter driving kit including warm clothing, an ice scraper, flashlight, blanket, traction material, and snacks in case of delays or breakdowns.

• **Watch Wildlife.** Fall is the peak deer activity season. Slow down near wooded areas and watch for movement near roads, especially at dawn and dusk.

By combining cautious driving with preparation, Clinton drivers can help ensure that autumn and early winter are safer for everyone on the road.

## BEWARE OF GIFT CARD SCAMS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Gift cards are popular for birthdays, holidays, and thank-you—but scammers love them, too. In recent years, criminals have increasingly turned to gift cards as a quick, untraceable way to steal money. Understanding how these scams work can help protect you, your loved ones, and your wallet.

### How the Scam Works

Scammers often create a sense of urgency. They may:

- Pretend to be a family member in trouble.
- Pose as a government official or law enforcement threatening arrest or fines.
- Impersonate a boss or coworker requesting "urgent" gift card purchases.
- Offer fake prizes but require

you to pay fees with gift cards to "claim" them.

Once they convince you, they'll ask you to buy gift cards (like iTunes, Google Play, or big-box retailers) and share the numbers on the back. As soon as you give out those numbers, the money is gone.

### Warning Signs of a Gift Card Scam

- Pressure and urgency: "Do this now or else..."
- Unusual requests: No legitimate company or government agency will demand payment with gift cards.

- Odd communication: Messages full of typos, requests that bypass normal procedures, or contact from unknown numbers or emails.

### Protect Yourself and Others

• Pause and verify: If someone asks for gift cards, stop and double-check. Call the person directly using a trusted phone number.

• Keep receipts: If you fall victim, receipts can help authorities investigate.

• Spread the word: Talk to family and friends, especially seniors, who are often targeted.

• Report scams: Contact local law enforcement and file a report with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at reportfraud.ftc.gov.

### Final Takeaway

Gift cards should only be used as gifts—not as a form of payment. If anyone pressures you to buy gift cards to pay a bill, fee, or fine, it's a scam. Hang up, delete the message, and report it.

## WINTER VEHICLE THEFT PREVENTION: LOCK YOUR CAR OR LOSE IT!

In previous editions of the Lighthouse newsletter, we've discussed Crimes of Opportunity—urging Clinton residents to lock their vehicles, bring bikes in from the yard, and secure their homes. These simple steps go a long way in preventing theft.

This month, we're revisiting the topic with a specific focus on vehicle theft, which continues to be a concern in our community. So far in 2025, the Clinton Police Department has responded to over 35 reports of stolen vehicles. Thankfully, most

were recovered quickly and without damage. However, nearly all of these thefts were preventable.

### The Best Defense: Lock Your Car and Take Your Keys

As temperatures drop, vehicle thefts tend to rise—especially during the winter months. One of the most common scenarios? Unattended, unlocked vehicles left running to warm up.

These are known as "puffers"—cars left idling in the cold, exhaust puffing out, and completely vulnerable to

theft. It takes mere seconds for a thief to jump in and drive away.

### Top Tips to Prevent Vehicle Theft This Winter:

- Never leave your car running and unattended, even in your driveway or outside a store.
- Always lock your doors and take your keys or fob, no matter how quick the stop.
- Avoid warming up your car unless you're inside it or using a remote starter that keeps the doors locked.
- Park in well-lit areas and avoid

leaving valuables in plain sight.

- Consider anti-theft devices or GPS trackers for added protection.

### Remote Start? Lock It Right.

Remote starters offer convenience and added safety, as they typically prevent the vehicle from being driven without the key. Still, make sure your doors are locked and never leave your keys inside, even if the engine is running remotely.

### Help Us Help You

Our officers are increasing patrols in neighborhoods and high-risk

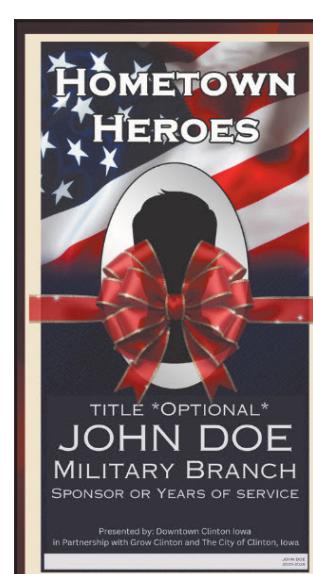
areas this winter, but the first line of defense starts with you. Protect your vehicle, safeguard your belongings, and don't give criminals a head start.

If you see suspicious activity, report it immediately to (563) 243-1458 or call 911 in an emergency.

Stay warm. Stay alert. And always lock it before you leave it.

Most of our recent vehicle thefts have been crimes of opportunity. You can take that opportunity away.

LOCK YOUR CAR. TAKE YOUR KEYS.



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## CLINTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

## HOLIDAY, WINTER &amp; NEW YEAR FIRE SAFETY

As the holiday season unfolds and chilly weather sets in, the chance of home fires increases—especially due to cooking, heating, and festive decorations. We're committed to helping our community stay safe and secure during this busy time. Below you'll find timely reminders, data-driven insights, and a fresh start tip for the New Year.

**Cooking Safety**

Cooking remains the top cause of residential fires. In 2023, the U.S. reported:

- 167,800 residential cooking fires, resulting in 125 deaths, 2,500 injuries, and nearly \$573 million in property loss.

- Nearly 49% of all home fires were caused by cooking.

National estimates also show:

- Each day, fire departments respond to over 400 home cooking fires.
- On Thanksgiving Day alone, cooking fires surge by nearly 400%, with 1,610 such incidents reported in 2022.

**Heating Appliance Safety**

Heating-related fires account for approximately 8.1% of residential building fires. Portable heaters, while a small portion of heating equipment, are disproportionately involved in 41% of fatal heating fires according to the most recent 2023 compiled statistics.

**Holiday Lights & Decorations**

While detailed national stats on holiday light fires are less available, it's well-known that decorations can elevate house fire risk due to electrical overloads and heat sources in proximity to flammable materials.

**Smoke & Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detectors**

Smoke alarms can reduce death risk—especially in cooking or overnight fires where many fatalities occur. Unfortunately, nearly two-thirds of home fire deaths happen in properties without working smoke alarms.

**New Year's Reminder — 2026**

As we transition into 2026, make checking your smoke and CO detectors one of your top resolutions:

- Replace batteries and test all alarms.

- Ensure each unit is functioning correctly and you have enough to cover your home.

Starting the year with this simple yet vital task begins 2026 on a safer note for your household.

**Data & Prevention: Why It Matters**

A recent data-driven study using over a million U.S. fire incident reports confirms:

- Homes in underserved, older, or vacant neighborhoods face higher fire risks.

- Properties with smoke detectors and automatic extinguishing

systems demonstrate significantly reduced fire spread and injury rates.

**Summary of Recommendations**

Safety Focus	Key Actions
Cooking Safety	Stay alert, never leave cooking unattended, keep flammables away, use timers.
Heating Safety	Keep space heaters 3 ft away from combustibles, turn them off when leaving, get furnaces/chimneys inspected.
Decorations	Inspect lights, don't overload outlets, turn off lights when away, water your live tree if you have one.
Smoke & CO Detectors	Test monthly, change batteries, replace units every 10 years.
2026 Resolution	Make alarm checks and safety equipment maintenance a New Year's tradition.

From everyone at the Clinton Fire Department, we wish you a warm, joyful holiday season—and a fire-safe, happy New Year!

## CLINTON FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING SAFETY DIVISION

THINKING OF DOING YOUR OWN ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, OR HEATING WORK?  
HERE'S WHAT IOWA LAW SAYS:

In Iowa, homeowners often wonder if they're allowed to tackle their own wiring, plumbing, or heating projects. The answer is yes—sometimes. Two important state rules, known as Iowa Administrative Code 103 and 105, explain how it works.

**What the Rules Say**

- Chapter 103 covers electrical work. It allows a homeowner to do their own wiring in a house they live in, as long as the home is their primary residence, the home is not larger than a single-family dwelling, the home qualifies for the homestead tax credit, and they are competent to complete the work and follow the adopted building codes.

- Chapter 105 covers plumb-

ing and mechanical work (like plumbing, heating and air conditioning). Homeowners can also do this work themselves in their own homes, again if the home is their primary residence, the home is not larger than a single-family dwelling, the home qualifies for the homestead tax credit, and they are competent to complete the work and follow the adopted building codes.

These rules apply only to the home you currently live in—not a home you are building, a home you're fixing to sell, a rental property, or someone else's property. For those, you must hire a licensed professional.

**Competence Matters**  
Even though the codes allow it,

these projects are not simple. Electricity, gas lines, plumbing, and heating systems can all be dangerous if installed incorrectly. That's why Building Safety Division policies and procedures stress that homeowners must be competent in the work they're taking on. If you're not familiar with electrical circuits, water lines, or heating systems, it may be safer and cheaper in the long run to hire a licensed professional.

**Permits and Inspections**

No matter who does the work—homeowner or contractor—the codes require permits and inspections. The permit makes sure the project is on record, and the inspection ensures the finished work meets minimum safety standards. Skipping this step can

cause problems if you sell your house, file an insurance claim, or, worst of all, if something goes wrong.

**Why It Matters**

These rules are designed to give homeowners flexibility while also protecting health and safety. Done right, a homeowner project can save money. Done wrong, it can put families at risk.

Before starting any project, please check with the Building Safety Division for any specific requirements or restrictions that may apply, be sure pull the proper permits and request the proper inspections, and be sure that you are competent to do the work safely and correctly.

## THE IMPORTANCE OF CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS IN IOWA HOMES

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a silent killer—it's colorless, odorless, and tasteless, making it nearly impossible to detect without an alarm.

In Iowa, where many homes rely on fuel-burning appliances and have attached garages, the risk of CO buildup is significant. That's why proper installation and maintenance of carbon monoxide alarms isn't just smart—it's the law.

Under Iowa law, approved CO alarms are required in most new and existing buildings that contain fuel-burning appliances, fireplaces, or attached garages. When required, alarms must be installed on each level of the building, near sleeping areas, and be maintained in working

order. Property owners are responsible for installation and ensuring the alarms work before buildings are occupied.

The alarms provide critical early warnings of CO exposure, which can cause headaches, dizziness, nausea, and even death if not detected in time. Regular testing, battery replacement, and full alarm replacement every 10 years are key safety measures. Always refer to the manufacturer's installation instructions for proper installation and maintenance.

Installing CO alarms saves lives—and in Iowa, staying up to code could mean the difference between safety and tragedy.

## PERMIT FEES MUST BE PAID BEFORE WORK BEGINS, OFFICIALS REMIND HOMEOWNERS AND CONTRACTORS

The Building Safety Division reminds homeowners and contractors that under the adopted codes, building permits are not valid until the required fees have been paid. That means no inspections and no construction should begin until payment is complete and the permit is officially issued.

**Why Fees Come First**

Permit fees aren't just a formality. They support the review and inspection process that keeps construction safe. Fees pay for staff to check that projects meet code requirements and for inspectors to verify that the work is done properly. Without those steps, applicants risk unsafe

structures, delays, or costly rework.

**What the Code Says**

The IRC states that a permit only becomes valid when the fee is paid in full. Until then, the application is incomplete. This means:

- No valid permit = no inspections.
- No valid permit = no authorization to start work.

**What Homeowners Should Do**

If you're planning a deck, addition, remodel, or other home project, make sure you:

- Submit your application.
- Pay the required permit fees.
- Receive the official permit.

- Post the permit on-site before beginning work.

**Why It Matters**

Skipping the fee or starting work without a valid permit can create serious problems. Work may have to be stopped, corrected, or even removed if it doesn't meet code. It could also affect insurance coverage or property resale down the road.

By paying permit fees up front and following the proper process, homeowners and contractors can keep projects on track, avoid issues, and ensure the safety of their buildings.



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# PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

## “WE WORK... SO YOU CAN PLAY!”

ERICKSEN COMMUNITY CENTER: 1401 11<sup>TH</sup> 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](http://www.cityofclintoniowa.gov) | ONLINE REGISTRATION: [www.cityofclintoniowa.gov/225/Parks-and-Recreation-Department](http://www.cityofclintoniowa.gov/225/Parks-and-Recreation-Department)

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### ACTIVITY AREA HOURS

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

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

24 HOUR FOR FITNESS MEMBERS

MON - FRI	Fitness Center Day Pass	8am-8pm
SATURDAY	All Areas - Drop in Rec	Noon-5pm (Pending No Leagues)
SUNDAY All Areas	Drop in Rec	Noon-5pm (Pending No Leagues)

June 1 - Aug. 30  
Scheduled Drop-in (M-F) 5:30pm-8pm (Pending No Leagues)

Sept. 1 - May 30

Gyms	Drop-in Rec	9am-5:30pm
	League Play & Rec Programs	5:30pm-10pm
	Fitness Center Day Pass	8am-8pm

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

### MEMBERSHIP FEE SCHEDULE

Fitness Membership - Weight Room, Gyms, Classes if available

	Daily	Annual	Monthly	Monthly Auto-Deduct
Student (age 14/17)	\$5	\$194.40	\$26	\$18.00
Senior (age 55+)	\$5	\$194.40	\$26	\$18.00
Adult	\$5	\$259.20	\$32	\$24.00
2-Person		\$388.80	\$44	\$36.00
Family (up to 6pp)		\$518.40	\$58	\$48.00

Must be 14+ to enter fitness center with a membership. 13 years old may enter with a paying adult (18+). Must be 16+ to purchase fitness day pass.

**Club Membership** – access to the Club at The Rec- \$20 a year  
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 (up to 6) \$100 annually  
Family (7+) \$125 annually

#### FINANCIAL ASSISTANT FOR YOUTH SPORTS

Financial Assistant is available for youth sports. Must show proof of free/reduced lunch from school. 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 required)

#### ONLINE REGISTRATION

[https://clintoniowa.recdesk.com](http://clintoniowa.recdesk.com)

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

### KNITTING AND CROCHET CLUB

WHO:	Adults
LOCATION:	Erickson Community Center, Club Room
DATES:	Year round
DAY & TIME:	Tuesday, 9am-11:30 am
FEES:	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.

#### TEXT THE FOLLOWING CODES TO 563-500-1585 TO STAY UP TO DATE ON INFO:

Parks & Recreation General Information: **PARKNREC**  
Parks & Recreation Adult Sports: **PNRADSP**  
Parks & Recreation Youth Sports: **PNRYTHSP**

#### 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**

### GOALTIMATE

Dates: Friday December 5 to Jan. 30 (No league 12/26 )

Times: 6:30 pm

Cost: \$60 per team 3v3 roster of 5

### 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 welcomed to stop in during this activity. This event is a lock-in, once you come in, you stay until close, unless a parent or guardian enters the building to pick you up. Supervision by department staff and volunteers will be provided.

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

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

**DATES:** Friday 5:30 to 8:30 pm Oct. 24, 2025 & Feb. 20, 2026

**FEES:** \$5 Pay at Door

### MARIO KART

For youngsters ages 7-11 who can't get enough Mario Kart! Pre-register online to secure your spot. Walk in sign ups will be based on available spots the day of on a first come first serve basis. Players are encouraged to register online At [clintoniowa.recdesk.com](http://clintoniowa.recdesk.com). Prizes As Well.

**WHO:** Everyone is welcome Ages 7-11

**LOCATION:** Erickson Community Center, Youth Room

**DATE:** December 12, 2025

**TIME:** 5 pm to 8 pm

**FEES:** \$5 Per Person

**LIMIT:** 6 Minimum; 12 Maximum

**REGISTRATION:** Online OR at the door beginning at 4:45pm

### ADULT BASKETBALL OPEN GYM

**DAYS:** Sunday Nights

**TIME:** 6-9pm

**AGES:** Adults 18 and older

**FEES:** \$3

**Approx. Dates:** Nov 2nd- March 29th

No Open Gym (Nov.30, Dec. 21, 28 Feb. 8) **ADULTS ONLY 18+**

### ADULT VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE WINTER REGISTRATION 2026

**Winter Due Date: Thurs. Jan. 8, by 5pm**

Entries contain three items:

**1. Minimum Roster 2. Team & Manager Info 3. Entry Fees Paid**

Only original rosters accepted no copies. All three items must be completed to establish entry order due to space limitations. Forms available at the Erickson Community Center.

**ENTRY FEE:** Volleyball: **\$175**

\$25 late fee charged after deadline, if entry is accepted.

**LEAGUE MEETING:** **Winter:** Information will be emailed to managers Thursday Jan 15th, 2026. Agenda to include review of playing rules, administration of league play and preliminary schedule distribution.

**SEASON:** Playing nights & Divisions: Jan 19-March 26, 2026 (approx.)

Monday: Mixed Power Volleyball

Wednesday: Women's Power Volleyball

Thursday: Mixed Modified; Women's Modified

**ROSTER ADMINISTRATION:** Roster change deadline: **February 5th**.

Rosters are frozen after the deadline listed above with two exceptions new citizens and team hardship. Players can only play on one team in each division: (Men's, Women's or Mixed). All individual players must sign the originally submitted Team Roster. Note: The Parks & Recreation Department accepts registrations for teams only

**NOTE:** Due to limited facilities, each league is limited to 6 teams (12 teams per night in volleyball).

### YOUTH BASKETBALL 1ST THRU 6TH GRADE

Join us for this 6-week youth basketball program featuring league play. Players will be grouped together based on their school attendance center. Volunteer coaches will instruct players with fundamentals, skills and plays through practices, followed by 6 weeks of live game play. Game officials will be provided. Team shirts will be provided for both coaches and players.

**1st and 2nd Grade League:** Boys and Girls play separately. Game day—Sunday.

Games start Sunday, Feb 8th and end Sunday, March 15th

**3rd and 4th Grade League:** Boys and Girls play separately. Games are on Saturday mornings and occasionally on Friday evenings. Games start Saturday, Feb 7th and end March 14th.

**5th and 6th Grade League:** Boys and Girls play separately. Games are on Saturday mornings and occasionally on Friday evenings. Games start Saturday, Feb 7th and end March 14th

**PRACTICE SITES:** Local Elementary School Gyms and Erickson Community Center. (Rural community teams may practice in their hometown gyms, but must abide by the practice allowance per week rule of once or twice a week.

**GAME SITE:** Erickson Community Center, Clinton Middle School & Eagle Heights Elementary School

**GAME:** 6 game program. Days listed above - Saturday, Sunday's

**LIMIT:** 4 team minimum required. No more than 10 players per team per school.

**TEAM FORMATION BASED ON:** School attendance center in Clinton, Camanche, Fulton, Northeast, Preston, Miles, DeWitt, etc. Note: Selection criteria are subject to change based on number of registrations. After the registration deadline, players will be placed on teams at the discretion of the Recreation Department as availability permits.

**COACHES MEETING:** January 15th 5:30pm – lower level Community Room

**PLAYERS CONTACTED BY COACH:** After January 16th

**FIRST PRACTICE:** Week of January 19th, 2026

**REGISTRATION PERIOD:** Now thru Jan. 2nd

**Fee:** \$52

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:** \$40 (Only available until deadline)

**LATE REGISTRATION:** (Only if availability Jan. 3 - Jan. 7) **Fee:** \$59

## PARKS &amp; RECREATION DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES CONTINUED

## KINDERBALL BASKETBALL LEAGUE

**Game site:** Ericksen Community Center- Small Gym**Game Day:** Saturdays**Limit:** 4 team minimum required. No more than 6 player per team per school (max 72)**Team Selection:** Register by school site**Note:** After the registration deadline, players will be placed on teams at the discretion of the Recreation Department as availability permits**Age:** In Kindergarten**Coaches Meeting:** January 22nd at 5:30pm.**Players Contacted by Coach:** After Jan 22**First Game:** Co-ed Saturday Afternoons Feb 14

March 14

**Registration Period:** now thru January 8th, 2026 Fee: \$44**Financial Assistance:** \$33 (Until deadline)**Late Registration:** If available: \$51

## SPRING YOUTH SOCCER

Come take part in one of the area's largest youth soccer programs. This program is designed to teach the fundamentals of soccer to participants ages 3 through 8th grade. Children will learn the fundamentals of soccer through practices and games through instruction by volunteer coaches. Games consist of smaller sided play to ensure more quality touches of the ball during games. Roster sizes will vary depending on number of registrations for each league. There are 9 leagues available including Preschool (co-ed), K-1st Grade Boys, K-1st Grade Girls, 2-3rd Grade Boys, 2-3rd Grade Girls, 4-5th Grade Boys, 4-5th Grade Girls, 6-7-8th Grade Boys and 6-7-8th Grade Girls. Participants are registered by the school they attend.

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

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

**DAYS:** Saturday and some Tuesday's/Thursday (Pre-K, K-1 and 2/3)**GAME DATES week of:** April 11, 18 & 25 and May 2, 9 and 16th**AGES:** 3 years old through 8th grade (2026-2026 school year)**NOTIFICATION:** After coaches meeting (March 19th)

Registration Period: Now through March 5th

Participant Fee: \$52 Financial Assistance: \$40 (Until deadline)

Late Registration will be accepted from March 6th-March 13th Participant Fee: \$59 \*IF AVAILABLE\*

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

1. Beginner    2. Intermediate    3. Advanced

## “HEY COACH” – COACHES WANTED

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

## CLINTON MARINA

The Clinton Marina office is closed from mid-December to February 1, but we will return phone messages, emails, and FB questions on a timely basis once received. All payments may be sent to or dropped off at the Ericksen Community Center during their regular business hours. If you're looking for a slip for the 2026 season (which begins April 1), please reach out to be placed on our waiting list. Slip placement will start in approximately the third week of February. Messages can be left at: 563-242-3600, by email at: marina@cityofclintoniowa.gov.

An on-site Boat Mechanic, Tyler Jensen, offers an array of services from winterization and wrapping to full-service mechanical needs, stereo/sound systems, custom detailing, seat, carpet, and canvas repair. He can be reached at 563-249-7341.

## CAMPGROUNDS

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

## ONLINE REGISTRATION SYSTEM

The City of Clinton Parks and Recreation has a online registration portal (RecDesk). This system will allow registered users to reserve park shelters and other facilities, as well as register for programs, memberships and classes as they are available. The online registration system includes a secure online payment portal. To set up your household account go to <http://clintoniowa.recdesk.com>. Start by creating the primary/head of household account. Then add your other household members. If you already have an account, please contact The Rec for your log-in information.

Note: for all credit card transactions, a 1.5% service fee will be charged.

## DOG PROGRAMS

**DOG INSTRUCTOR:** Judy May**LOCATION:** Riverview Pool Bathhouse & Nature Barn**Register:** Ericksen Community Center- 1401 11th Ave N, Clinton, IA 52732 563-243-1260. Each class will require a minimum number to be registered. Once the maximum is met, class is closed even if it has not reached the registration deadline. A soft light-weight nylon buckle collar and 6' leash are required. Any breed of dog will be accepted provided they have proof of distemper, kennel cough (12 wks.), rabies (4 mos.) and parvo shots. Must be presented at time of registration (marked receipt from vet)**Session 3: Feb 14 - March 21, 2026    Session 4: March 28 - May 2, 2026**

## Dog Agility Training at Riverview Pool Bathhouse

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

**PREREQUISITES:** Dogs must be 6 months old minimum. Handler must show proof of successful completion in a dog obedience class prior to participation.

**LIMIT:** 5 minimum, 8 maximum**DAY & TIME:** Saturdays, 2:30pm-3:30pm

Session 3: Feb 14 - March 21, 2026 (deadline Feb 12)

Session 4: March 28 - May 2, 2026 (deadline March 26)

**FEE:** \$40 (Late fee \$47 if space available)

## Puppy and Dog Obedience at Pool Bathhouse

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

**LIMIT:** 6 minimum; 10 maximum**DAY & TIME:** Saturdays, 1pm-2pm.

Session 3: Feb 14 - March 21, 2026

Session 4: March 28 - May 2, 2026

**FEE:** \$40 (Late fee \$47 if space available)

## RENTALS

## PARK AREAS TO RENT (April 30 - Oct 15)

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

RV Campground – Clinton Marina – 563-242-3600

9th Ave N and Riverview Drive

## ATHLETIC SPACES

Clinton Park Basketball Courts: \$15/hr complex max

\$50 a day

Cross Country Course – Emma Young: \$100 a day, no servicesEmma Young Softball Diamond: \$75/day/diamond, lights \$15/hr/diamond, 3 hr game/scrimmage fee \$50Hawthorne Horseshoe Pits: \$15/hr complex max

\$50 a day

Jurgenson Soccer Field: call for pricingMayer Park Softball Diamonds: \$15/hr complex max

\$50 a day

Riverview Pickleball Courts: \$50/hr/complex max

\$200 a day

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

\$50 a day

## OUTDOOR FACILITIES (April 30 - Oct 15)

Lyons Four Square Bandshell: \$50 includes electricity, no bathroomRiverview Park Bandshell: with electricity/water, bathroomBandshell Only: \$100/dayBandshell and grounds electricity: \$150/dayBandshell, grounds and towers w/sound equipment: \$250/dayLyons Pavilion (farmers market): \$150 with electricity/water, street closure required.

## EAGLE POINT LODGE

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

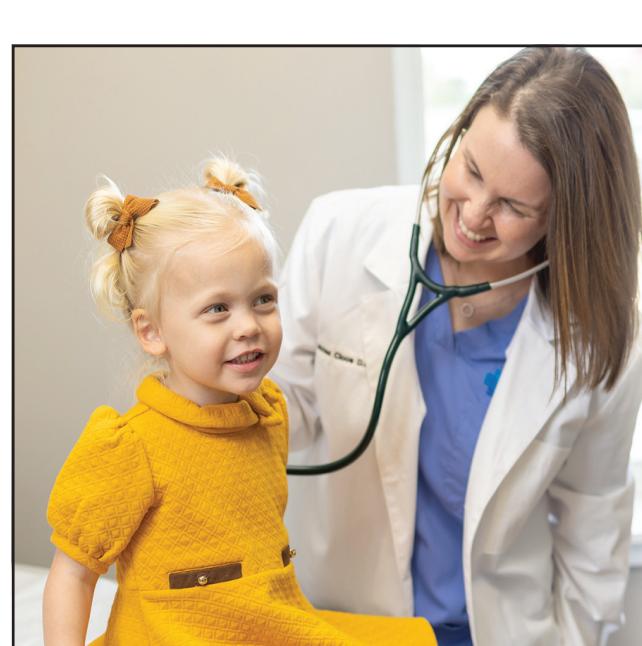
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Big Gym: \$50/hr whole gym \$30/hr 1/2 gym, one high school court, 2 smaller courts, bleachers, next to concession stand.Club Room: \$25/hr, upstairs mtg room, 8plCommons Area: \$45/hrCommunity Room: \$45/hr lower level mtg room, 70plSmall Gym: \$30/hr, one small courtYouth Room: \$45/hr, lower level mtg room 30plParty Package A: Community Room and Small Gym \$60/hrParty Package B: Commons Area and Big Gym \$80/hrEntire Lower Level: \$125/hr

## MOVIE SCREENS

Outdoor Screen: \$350 call SWANK 1-800-876-5577 to reserve rights to movie. (Must have proof). 25 miles from The Rec.

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Closed Thursday, Nov. 27 and Friday, Nov. 28  
Christmas: Closing early at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23;  
Closed Wednesday, Dec. 24 through Friday, Dec. 26  
New Year: Closed Wednesday, Dec. 31 and Thursday, Jan. 1

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All City of Clinton residents can sign up for a library card. Bring in a photo ID to sign up. Additional proof of address is needed if your current address isn't listed on your photo ID. A parent or guardian is required to sign for those 17 and under. Terms may apply. Please call us before you visit if you have any questions.

## Visit local attractions for FREE with our Iowa Adventure Pass

Clinton Public Library cardholders can visit the Sawmill Museum, the Figge Art Museum, the Niabi Zoo, and the Putnam Museum and Science Center for FREE! Book your free visit now through the Iowa Adventure Pass program on our website. Call us to learn more.

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## WE WON THE 2025 CLINTON READING CHALLENGE!

After fourteen weeks of reading this summer, Clinton, Iowa readers won the challenge for the second year in a row! 252 participants read a grand total of 27,445 hours. Congratulations to all readers!

## MONTHLY ADULT PROGRAMS

### NEW: Fiber Friends | Weekly Craft Club

#### **Every Tuesday, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Makerspace**

Join us for a cozy and creative gathering of fiber arts enthusiasts! Whether you're passionate about crochet, knitting, or other fiber crafts like weaving, embroidery, or felting, this club is the perfect place to share your skills, learn new techniques, and connect with fellow makers. All skill levels are welcome—from beginners to seasoned crafters. Volunteer Cath Martin will be on hand to offer guidance and teach knitting techniques to those interested in learning or improving their knitting skills. Bring your current project or start something new. Limited yarn, crochet hooks/knitting needles are provided. Other materials are not. Open to age 14+ and all experience levels. Come stitch, chat, and be inspired!

### **#52Stories**

#### **Saturday, Nov. 8, Dec. 6, Jan. 3, Feb. 7, 1:30 - 3:00 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.

### **Let's Dish: Potluck Club**

#### **4th Saturday of the month, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Multipurpose Room**

Nov. 15: It's a Small World: International Dishes

Dec. 13: Holiday Favorites

Jan. 24, 2026: Breakfast for Lunch

Feb. 28, 2026: Finger Foods

March 28, 2026: Restaurant Re-Creations!

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**

We are taking a break during November & December.

#### **Jan. 17, Feb. 21, March 21, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. 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. Meetings will be held the 3rd Saturday of the month, unless otherwise noted. Please call (563) 242-5355 or register through our online calendar.

## 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 their peers. For ages 0-3.

### **Creative Explorers**

#### **Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. (New day and time!) 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.

### **Storytime**

#### **Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Lower Level**

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

### **Vibe Out - Teen Hangout**

#### **Fridays, 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. Multipurpose Room**

Teens, join us on Fridays for snacks and crafts! Each week, we'll have a different primary activity but feel free to bring your homework, a good book to read, or just come to hang out with friends!

### **Sensory Saturdays**

#### **Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. - 12 p.m. Lower Level**

Sensory Saturdays is a hands-on, play-based program that invites young children to explore a variety of sensory stations designed to stimulate touch, sight, sound, smell, and movement. Each session features themed activities that support early childhood development, creativity, and social interaction. For ages 0-5 and their caregivers.

## SPECIAL TEEN HOLIDAY EVENT

### Cookie Decorating - Teen Craft and Movie Lock-In

**Friday, Dec. 19, 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. Multipurpose Room**

Teens, join us to celebrate the holiday season! We'll be decorating cookies, enjoying hot chocolate and watching a cozy holiday film. Registration is required!

## SATURDAY EVENTS FOR ALL AGES

### Chess Club

**1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Lower Level**

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

### Lego Club

**2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month, 2:00 - 3:00 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!

## JIGSAW PUZZLE EXCHANGE 2025

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](mailto:kstruble@clintonpubliclibrary.us)

## UPCOMING SPECIAL ADULT PROGRAMS

### American Mahjong Open Play

**Saturday, Nov. 8 and Dec. 20, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Genealogy Department**

Interested in practicing your American Mahjong skills? Join us for an open play session! Open play is for those who already know how to play. It is an opportunity to enjoy the game with other members of the community in a relaxed and friendly environment. We have 2 Mahjong sets and 8 cards, enough for 8 players. Groups are welcome to bring your own cards & sets also. Registration is required through our online calendar or by calling (563) 242-8441. Age 18+

### Holiday Bunco & Potluck Night!

**Tuesday, Dec. 2, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Friends of the Library Bookstore (105 Main Ave.)**

Please join us for a Holiday Bunco & Potluck Night! Bunco is an easy to learn dice game that is light-hearted and friendly. We will provide sloppy joes and a drink & attendees are welcome to bring a dish to pass. As this is also a potluck event and dishes will be prepared in personal kitchens, bring a printed copy of your recipe, ask questions if you have allergies, and eat at your own discretion. Please bring your own plate, cup & cutlery. Registration is required, please call (563) 242-8441 or register through our online calendar. Ages 14+.

### Library Lovers Month Bunco Night!

**Tuesday, Feb. 3, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Friends of the Library Bookstore (105 Main Ave.)**

February is National Library Lovers Month and is dedicated to all the book lovers in Clinton (and around the world!) who love their public library for their books, music, author talks, storytimes, and so much more! What better place to celebrate this month and play Bunco then in the FOL Bookstore?! Singles or couples welcome! Bunco is an easy to learn dice game that is lighthearted and friendly. We will provide drinks and snacks, you are welcome to BYOS (bring your own sandwich!) Registration is required, please call (563) 242-8441 or register through our online calendar. Ages 14+.

### Christmas Art: Altered Moments!

**Wednesday, Dec. 3, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Multipurpose Room**

Please join us and turn a Precious Moments figurine into a fun & spooky decoration for Halloween! All you need to bring is your creativity and add playful touches to these figurines. We will use air-dry clay and paint to give them makeovers. There will be plenty to choose from! Registration is required, please call (563) 242-8441 or register through our online calendar. Ages 14+.

### Take & Sew Kits: Boomerang Bags! | Sustainability Club:

### Living Well with CPL!

#### **Pickup starting Nov. 1 - Dec. 29 during library hours**

The Clinton Public Library is looking for volunteers to sew Boomerang Bags at home! 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. Take & Sew Kits will be available at the front desk during library hours this November & December. You will return the bags when completed. To volunteer for this project, you will need your own sewing machine and thread. If you have any questions, please call (563) 242-5355 or email the makerspace at [cplmakerspace@gmail.com](mailto:cplmakerspace@gmail.com).

## 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]

**Jan. 8, Feb. 5, March 5, April 2, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Makerspace**

Registration is required. Registration opens on Sunday, Nov. 30th through our online calendar. 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. For ages 10+.

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

**Nov. 13, Dec. 11, and Feb. 12, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Makerspace**

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.

### Help us Make Boomerang Bags! | Sustainability Club:

### Living Well with CPL!

*We are taking a break in November & December.*

**Thursday, Jan. 15 and Feb. 19, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. 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 encouraged. 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 12+ to participate.

## CLINTON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

# Christmas Light Flights are Back!!

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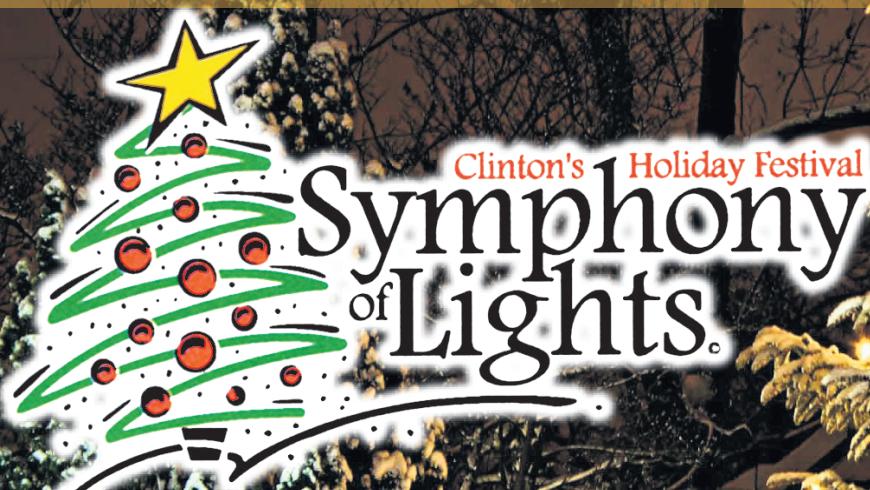
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# NEW DISPLAYS FOR 2025!!!!



## CLINTON, IOWA'S HOLIDAY FESTIVAL

Visitors to the festival will enjoy driving through and viewing over 250 magically lighted displays, 500,000+ supporting lights, castles, streams and a gingerbread lodge that fill a 1.1 mile loop of Eagle Point Park located off of highway 67 North.



### FAMILY FUN WALK

Wednesday, November 26th 5:30-8:30 pm  
 Kick off the festival with the opportunity to enjoy the enchanting displays on foot. Santa will be in the lodge for children to visit, as well as food available for purchase!

### SANTA'S HOURS

Sunday, December 7, 2025 - 5:30 PM to 8:30PM

Sunday, December 14, 2025 - 5:30 PM to 8:30PM

Sunday, December 21, 2025 - 5:30 PM to 8:30PM

Meet With Santa Claus at Eagle Point Lodge



### GRAFT FAIR

December 6th 9am-4pm and

December 7th 11am-3pm

Vendors, Crafters & Food Vendors

### REGULAR SEASON DATES & HOURS

Thanksgiving (November 27th) - December 30th

Monday - Friday 6pm-9pm and Saturday & Sunday 5pm-9pm

Pricing \$10/car, \$2/person vehicles over 10 people

## ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

### ROAD CONSTRUCTION NOTICE: MANUFACTURING DRIVE



#### Current Construction Activities:

The City of Clinton and our contractors are working on many different phases of the Manufacturing Drive Project. The main line section of the north end of Manufacturing Drive is completed, from Bluff Blvd to South 19th Street. The final connection of Harts Mill Road hangs in the balance for 2025, depending on resolution of multiple utility conflicts. We Contractors continue to work on South End (Purina Pet Care to RR tracks) - This section of roadway is scheduled to be completed by October 15th, meaning local traffic will be able to drive to their destinations from each end of the project until the second bridge is removed for replacement in February.

#### Upcoming Road Closures:

October 1 – December 15, 2025

Manufacturing Drive from South 21st Street to Manufacturing Court

This block of Manufacturing Drive will be completely closed to traffic to facilitate full roadway construction including storm sewer, concrete curb & gutters, asphalt roadway, and portions of South 21st Street intersection.

Please see the map depicting roadway construction to take place from October 15th to December 15th.

#### 2026 Construction:

- The bridge over Mill Creek will be under construction from February 2nd to September 15 of 2026. This phase of construction includes all pavement between the Purina Pet Care front entrance and the intersection of South 21st Street.
- The Roundabout at South 19th Street will be under construction from April 1 to November 30 of 2026. Crews will begin at the north leg of the roundabout, so that access is provided from South 19th Street to 15th Avenue South for the duration of the remainder of roundabout construction.
- The intersection of South 21st Street will be under construction from April 1 to November 30 of 2026. Crews will construct this intersection in phases as necessary to provide access to local businesses throughout construction, including the Clinton Schools EAC, MBAEA, Focus Services, and Iowa American Water.

Please see the map depicting roadway construction to take place next year (2026).

#### Concurrent Utility Work

September 22 to December 15th

Bluff Blvd from South 14th Street to 7th Avenue South

Iowa American Water is replacing all infrastructure on Bluff Blvd between South 14th Street & College Avenue, in preparation for the upcoming Bluff Blvd Project. Intermittent road closures will persist throughout the remainder of this year throughout this area. Iowa American Water will not fully close any portion of Bluff Blvd until the connection from Manufacturing Drive to Bluff Blvd is reestablished.

#### Access to Local Businesses for remainder of 2025:

Some access to local businesses will be reestablished this month, while others will be impacted for the remainder of the project. Use the following alternate business routes for access:

- South 14th Street to 13th Avenue South for access to Today's Dental, Metal Tech, All Pets Mobile Clinic, & Lundin's Auto Spa.
- Highway 30 to South 19th Street for access to IMS chiropractic, Clinton Floral, China One, & Ray's Timeout.
- Clinton Liquor, Cornerstone Wellness, & Bob's One Stop – Continue through road closure on Bluff Blvd from South 14th Street or come from College Avenue
- Beginning October 15th, access to the following businesses will be restored from Highway 30: Purina Pet Care, Eastern Iowa Tire, Awesome Car Wash, Brent's Firehouse Coffee

Temporary signage is in place to guide customers to businesses. Please review the detour map attached to this press release for further information. We appreciate the community's patience and support during this period.

For real-time updates and additional information,  
visit the following websites:

[www.cityofclintoniowa.gov/599/Project-D-2024-Manufacturing-Drive-and-B](http://www.cityofclintoniowa.gov/599/Project-D-2024-Manufacturing-Drive-and-B)  
<https://drivetoprosperity.com/>

## FINANCE DEPARTMENT

### YOUR PET LICENSE RENEWAL IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!

#### Why License your Pet?

Pet licenses are mandatory in nearly every community across North America. Why? Because licenses help keep pets and the communities they live in safe. Licenses are valid for the calendar year (January 1st thru December 31st).

#### What will you need?

Licensing your pet will require specific information and proof. Having these items at the ready allows for the fastest experience.

Rabies Vaccination Proof: This document may be in the form of a Rabies Vaccination Certificate that has been signed by a veterinarian or certified professional. It is the law that pets must be up-to-date on their rabies vaccinations.

Spay/Neuter Certificate: Evidence that your pet has or has not been spayed or neutered.

Microchip details: You are provided with a Unique Identification (ID) number when you microchip your pet.

The City's Application/Renewal Form is available at the following link to our website: [www.cityofclintoniowa.gov/468/AnimalPet-Licensing](http://www.cityofclintoniowa.gov/468/AnimalPet-Licensing)

The City's Ordinance pertaining to Animal Protection and Control is available at the following link to our website:

<https://codelibRARY.amlegal.com/codes/clintonia> (Chapter 91)

For those residents that house 7 or more registered pets in their home, the City of Clinton requires an Excessive Animal Permit. If you have 7 or more pets in your home as of 6/11/2024, an Excessive Animal Permit is required. The fee for this permit is a one-time payment of \$10.

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Voting Ends at Noon on December 15th.  
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## TRIVIA NIGHT at the MUSEUM!

**Friday, November 14**

5:30 pm Doors Open  
6:30 pm Trivia Begins

### A GROWN UPS Only Night!

- Teams of 6 - 8
- \$10 per person - Advanced registration not required but appreciated
- B.Y.O.Beverage -- Snacks for sale + Dessert Auction
- Digital Trivia with Chris Busker

*Two great fun-draisers to support the children's museum's NEW Public Safety Exhibit -- Coming in 2026*

## Online Silent Auction 2025



[www.32auctions.com/  
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## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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

## THE ROLE OF PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works is responsible for many services that residents depend on, including:

- Maintaining city streets, alleys, and right-of-ways
- Upkeep of city buildings and facilities
- Maintenance and upkeep of all city parks
- Operating and repairing the City's vehicle fleet
- Collecting garbage, yard waste, and recycling

These efforts ensure that Clinton continues to run smoothly and safely through every season.

## WINTER OPERATIONS:

## Coverage and Teamwork

The Streets Department maintains approximately **300 lane miles of city roads**. When heavy snow hits, the Streets Department doesn't work alone—departments from across Public Works team-up to provide a coordinated response to keep the community moving.

## Salt and Brine

- Salt Stockpile: Clinton begins the season with about **3,000 tons (6 million pounds)** of salt on hand.
- Temperature Matters: Regular road salt (sodium chloride) is most effective when temperatures are above 30°F. Below that, it becomes much less effective.
- Salt Brine: A pre-treatment mixture of salt and water can be applied up to 48 hours before a storm. This prevents snow and ice from bonding to pavement, making plowing more effective once snow falls. Typically brine is not put down below 20 degrees as it may freeze and make streets more hazardous.

## Snow Removal Fleet

The City maintains a fleet of plows, salt spreaders, and loaders, all carefully maintained and ready to respond at the first sign of a storm.

## Snow Emergencies and Calendar Parking

When major storms hit, the City may declare a **snow emergency**. This allows crews to clear streets more effectively—but it also means special parking rules go into effect.

## Calendar Parking Rules (November 15 – March 15)

- What Triggers It: Calendar parking starts when **1 inch or more of snow** accumulates on the street.
- Odd Days: Park on the side of the street with **odd-numbered addresses**.
- Even Days: Park on the side with **even-numbered addresses**.
- Timeframe: Calendar parking is in effect from **9:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.** the next day. Residents have 3 hours to move their vehicles after a switch.
- Duration: Parking restrictions remain in place for **72 hours after snow has stopped**.
- Snow Routes: On designated snow routes, **no parking is allowed** during a snow emergency until it has been lifted/canceled.
- Commercial Districts: These rules do not apply in commercial areas where both-sided parking is permitted.

Violations may result in fines or towing, so residents are encouraged to pay close attention to announcements and posted signage.

## Street Maintenance Beyond Snow

The Streets Division also handles:

- Pothole patching and alley grading
- Street sweeping and storm inlet cleaning to prevent flooding
- Sign installation and traffic markings
- Concrete projects throughout the City

These ongoing efforts keep Clinton's infrastructure safe and reliable year-round.

## HOLIDAY GARBAGE, YARD WASTE, AND RECYCLING SCHEDULE

As the holidays approach, residents should note upcoming collection delays:

## Thanksgiving (Thursday, November 27, 2025)

- No garbage, yard waste, or recycling pickup.
- Thursday routes will be collected Friday, November 28.
- Friday routes will be collected Saturday, November 29.

## Christmas (Thursday, December 25, 2025)

- No garbage, yard waste, or recycling pickup.
- Thursday routes will be collected Friday, December 26.
- Friday routes will be collected Saturday, December 27.

## Staying Safe This Winter

The City of Clinton's Public Works and Street Department are committed to ensuring safe, passable streets and reliable services for all residents this winter. By following calendar parking rules, planning for holiday collection changes, and staying alert during snow emergencies, residents can help crews do their jobs more effectively—and keep our community safe.

## Safe winter driving tips:

## 1. Slow Down and Increase Following Distance

Snow and ice reduce traction, making it harder to stop. Drive below the posted speed limit and leave at least 5–6 seconds of following distance between you and the car ahead to allow extra time to react.

## 2. Brake and Accelerate Gently

Sudden movements can cause skids. Apply the gas slowly to regain traction and avoid slamming on the brakes. If your vehicle starts to skid, steer in the direction you want the front wheels to go and avoid overcorrecting.

## 3. Keep Your Vehicle Prepared

Before heading out:

- Clear all snow and ice from windows, mirrors, lights, and the roof.
- Make sure your tires have good tread (consider winter tires for better grip).
- Keep your gas tank at least half full to prevent fuel line freeze-ups.

## 4. Watch for Black Ice

Black ice is common on Iowa bridges, overpasses, and shaded roadways. It looks like wet pavement but is actually a thin, nearly invisible layer of ice. Approach these areas slowly and avoid sudden braking or turning.

## 5. Plan Ahead and Stay Informed

Check weather and road conditions before leaving. During severe snow events, consider postponing non-essential travel. If you must drive, keep an emergency kit with blankets, a flashlight, snacks, and a charged phone in case you become stranded.

In the City of Clinton, property owners are required to maintain the area between their property line and the curb, this includes trimming trees in the Right-of-Way to ensure visibility at intersections and clear sidewalks for pedestrians.

Property owners are not responsible for removing dead or diseased trees or dead wood from the publicly owned right-of-way.

In the event a property owner fails to maintain trees as required, the City of Clinton may perform the work and assess the cost to the property owner, similar to a property tax. Even though the tree is in front of their property, owners cannot demand the city remove a healthy but unwanted tree. The City of Clinton retains full authority over removal decisions.

## Why this matters?

Well maintained trees enhance curb appeal and can raise home values. Trees act as a natural sound barrier and they also provide a shelter and food for birds and other small animals.

Proper trimming and pruning ensures visibility for drivers and pedestrians. Preventative maintenance is cheaper than emergency removals or repairs.



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

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## CODE ENFORCEMENT

## WHY ARE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WEAR BULLETPROOF VESTS &amp; BODY CAMERAS?

We have received questions from residents asking why our Code Enforcement Officers wear bulletproof vests and body cameras. It is a great question—and one we are happy to answer.

Code Enforcement Officers play a vital role in maintaining public safety and upholding property standards throughout our community. Their work often involves addressing nuisance complaints, enforcing zoning regulations, and resolving property disputes. While most interactions are routine, some situations can become unpredictable or confrontational. To ensure the safety of our officers, we have taken proactive steps by equipping them with protective gear, including bulletproof vests and body cameras. These measures are not only in line with national best practices, but they also reflect our commitment to transparency, accountability, and officer well-being.

• Bulletproof vests provide essential protection in the rare event of a dangerous encounter.

• Body cameras help document interactions, promote professionalism, and build trust between officers and the community.

Our goal is to create a safe environment for both our staff and the public.

## TREES &amp; SHRUBS DUTY TO TRIM

## City Chapter 98.06

Fall Reminder: This is a great time of year to trim trees & shrubs.

As the cooler weather rolls in, it is the perfect time to look at the trees and shrubs on your property. Proper trimming not only keeps your landscape healthy—it also helps maintain safety and accessibility for everyone in our community.

If you have trees with branches hanging over the street, those limbs must be trimmed to maintain a minimum clearance of **13 feet above street level**. This ensures safe passage for vehicles, including emergency and service vehicles.

Branches should also be trimmed back from the roadway in parking areas to prevent obstruction and maintain visibility.

Tree limbs hanging over sidewalks must be trimmed to at least **9 feet above sidewalk level**. Additionally, all bushes and shrubs should be cut back, so they **do not encroach into the sidewalk**, allowing pedestrians to pass safely and comfortably.

Taking care of these tasks now helps prevent hazards during the fall and winter months and keeps our community walkable and welcoming.

## CITY GARBAGE, YARD, AND RECYCLING TOTES PLACEMENT

## City Chapter 50.23

Please be mindful of your city

totes, they are not to be left out in the street taking up parking spaces or left at the right of way once they have been dumped. Leaving carts out past your garbage day could result in a damaged cart and or missing carts as well as they take up parking spaces on the street if left out.

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

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

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

## STREET USE AND PLACING DEBRIS IN THE STREET

## City Chapter 97.003

Keep Streets Clear: Do not Rake or Blow Leaves or Grass into the Roadway

As autumn approaches and leaves begin to fall, we would like to remind residents of an important city ordinance: **do not blow or rake leaves or grass into the street**.

According to Chapter **97.003 of the City Code**, it is unlawful to throw or deposit any debris—including leaves, grass clippings, trash, glass, nails, or other materials—onto city streets or alleys. These items can be washed into the storm sewer system, leading to clogged drains and potential street flooding during heavy rains.

Beyond flooding concerns, debris in the roadway can pose safety hazards to pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles. It can also harm the environment by introducing pollutants into our waterways.

**Please help us keep Clinton clean and safe by properly disposing of yard waste.** Composting, mulching, or using approved yard waste bags for collection are great alternatives.

Thank you for doing your part to protect our community and infrastructure!

## DUMPING OF SNOW ON CITY STREET

## City Chapter 97.010

As we look ahead to the winter months, we want to remind residents of an important city

Ordinance regarding snow removal. Chapter 97.010 of the City Code is unlawful to shovel, blow, or push snow from your property—including sidewalks and driveways—onto city streets or someone else's property. This includes pushing or plowing snow across the roadway to deposit it on the opposite side.

## Why is this important?

## Safety First

Snow dumped into the street can obstruct gutters, impede traffic, and create hazardous conditions for drivers and pedestrians.

## What's Not Allowed

- Throwing, pushing, or placing snow or ice from private property onto the traveled way of a street or alley.
- Creating any obstruction or hazard in the roadway.
- Piling snow across the street or on another person's property.

## SIDEWALK SNOW / ICE REMOVAL RESPONSIBILITY

## City Chapter 97.027

Residential sidewalks: Sidewalks need to be clear of snow and/or ice to ensure public safety. Door tags will be placed on doors of residential properties if a complaint is received regarding sidewalks not being cleaned 48 hours after the snow/ice event stops.

THE CLINTON HERALD'S 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL

# Thanksgiving FOOD DRIVE

## GIVE THANKS, GIVE FOOD, GIVE HOPE

*The 17th Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive is now underway! Please drop off your donations to our sponsor locations to be distributed to local food banks!*

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<input type="checkbox"/> Stuffing	<input type="checkbox"/> Rice
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<input type="checkbox"/> Potatoes	<input type="checkbox"/> Cereal
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*This year's goal is:*  
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*All donations support our local food banks!*



## HOLIDAY TRAIN SCHEDULE:

**2:45 PM** Parachuting Elves  
**3:00 PM** CPKC Holiday Train arrives on Main Avenue  
**3:15-3:45 PM** CPKC Holiday Train Show Performances  
**3:45 PM** CPKC Holiday Train Departs

## EVENT DETAILS:

- Main Avenue will be closed from McKinley Street to the Mississippi River.
- Holiday Train will be traveling South and will open on the West side for performances.
- The only entrances to the parking areas are through 25th Avenue North and 23rd Avenue North.
- The roadways and parking lots West of McKinley Street will be open to the public on a first-come first-serve availability.

- Enjoy the show car on the WEST side of the tracks only.
- There will be handicap parking and viewing available
- Please bring all donations to the MAC 94.7 and Clinton Herald food trucks
- Look for Santa! He will be here to visit with the children!
- Warming Station available at The Sawmill Museum.
- Free cookies, apple cider and hot chocolate are available in the middle of the viewing area

*Thank you to our sponsors for providing the Parachuting Elves!*



*Also thanks to Mac94.7, Clinton Fire and Police, Lyons Business & Professional Association, The Clinton Herald and all who make this event possible!*

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# Thanksgiving FOOD DRIVE

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## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

### UNDERSTANDING TREE MAINTENANCE LAWS IN IOWA: RESPONSIBILITIES OF ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS

In Iowa, the management and upkeep of trees along city streets and sidewalks carry specific responsibilities for abutting property owners. The state law and local ordinances often stipulate that while the trees may be located within the public right-of-way, the maintenance responsibility falls to the property owner directly adjacent to the right-of-way. This law is essential in ensuring that both pedestrians and vehicles can safely navigate around these urban green spaces without interference from overgrown or potentially hazardous tree limbs.

Under Iowa law, specifically detailed in many city ordinances like those in Clinton, Iowa, property owners are required to keep trees trimmed so that all branches are at least 13 feet above the street surface and 9 feet above the sidewalks. This requirement helps prevent obstructions for taller vehicles and ensures clear sightlines for drivers, which is critical for public safety.

The stipulation not only covers the height of tree branches but also includes the general upkeep to prevent the branches from becoming hazards during storms or windy conditions, which could lead to property damage or personal injury. If property owners fail to maintain the trees adequately, the city has the authority to issue a notice requiring them to perform the necessary maintenance within a specified timeframe, typically five days. If the property owner does not comply within this period, the city may undertake the necessary trimming or maintenance work and then bill the property owner for the cost, adding it to their property tax as a special assessment.

This system is designed to motivate property owners to maintain their trees proactively, thereby reducing the risk of damage to public infrastructure and private property, and enhancing the aesthetic value of the neighborhood. It also relieves the city of some maintenance burdens, allowing municipal resources to be directed towards broader community services and infrastructure projects.

Additionally, the law typically restricts any tree trimming or cutting within the street or public places to authorized personnel only, unless a specific permit is obtained by the property owner. This provision is intended to prevent damage to the tree that could occur from improper maintenance techniques, which might ultimately make the tree a bigger hazard or lead to its premature death.

For many homeowners, understanding and complying with these regulations can be daunting, especially for those who are physically unable to perform the maintenance themselves or are unaware of the proper techniques for tree care. In such cases, homeowners are encouraged to hire professional arborists or tree service companies who are familiar with the local laws and have the expertise to maintain trees safely and effectively.

The rationale behind making property owners responsible for trees in the public right-of-way is rooted in the proximity principle—since the property owners benefit most directly from the presence of the trees, it is reasonable for them to bear some responsibility for their upkeep. Well-maintained trees contribute significantly to property values, enhance the neighborhood's appearance, and provide environmental benefits such as shade, air purification, and habitat for wildlife.

#### § 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.

#### § 98.10 ABUSE OR MUTILATION OF TREES.

No person shall:

- (A) Break, tear, paint, deface, damage, cut, carve, transplant, or injure the bark of street trees.
- (B) Remove any healthy street tree without approval of the Tree Commission.
- (C) Secure, hang, fasten or attach any rope, wire, sign, nails, screws, staples or other contrivance to any street tree. The hanging of ornamental lights shall be exempt from this division (C) provided that said lights are placed in such a way as to not harm or damage the tree and are removed within 90 days of the end of the specific holiday or event for which they were placed.
- (D) Dig in or otherwise disturb, injure or impair the root system of street trees.
- (E) Cause or permit any wire charged with electricity to come in contact with street trees or plants or allow any gaseous liquid or solid substance which is harmful to such trees to come in contact with them. This section shall not apply to the salting or de-icing of streets by the Public Works Department for the purpose of melting snow and ice.

(Ord. 2437, passed 12-14-2010) Penalty, see § 98.10

#### § 98.08 INSPECTION AND REMOVAL.

The Department of Public Works or their designee, shall inspect or cause to be inspected any trees or shrubs in the city reported or suspected to be dead, diseased, or damaged, and such trees and shrubs shall be subject to the following:

(A) City property. If it is determined that any such condition exists on public property, including the strip between the curb and the lot line of private property, the Council may cause such condition to be corrected by treatment or removal. The Council may also order the removal of any trees in the streets of the city which interfere with the making of improvements or with travel thereon. Damaged or dying parkway trees may be removed by the city.

(B) Private property. If it is determined with reasonable certainty that any such condition exists on private property and that danger to other trees or to adjoining property or passing motorists or pedestrians is imminent, the Building and Neighborhood Services Department ("BNS"), its authorized designee or any third party specialist with whom BNS contracts for making such determinations, shall notify by certified mail the owner, occupant, or person in charge of such property to correct such condition(s) by treatment or removal within 14 days of the date of said notification. If such owner, occupant, or person in charge of said property fails to comply within 14 days from the date of such notice, BNS, or its authorized designee, may cause the condition to be corrected and the costs of said work shall be assessed against the property.

(Iowa Code §§ 364.12(3)(b), 364.12(3)(h)) (Ord. 2437, passed 12-14-2010; Ord. 2630, passed 1-28-2020) Penalty, see § 98.99

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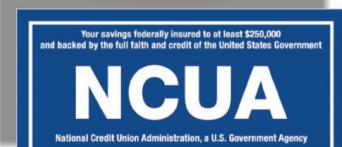
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