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April – June
2021

Dates & Reminders


APRIL

- 1 April Fool's Day
- 2 Good Friday—OFFICE CLOSED
- 4 Easter
- 5 Easter Monday— OFFICE CLOSED
- 9 Agenda Items Due by Noon
- 12 City Council Meeting-6:30 PM
- 12 ACH Bank Auto Draw
- 13 Water Shut-Off Date
- 13 Ward II City Election 
- 20 Utility Bills Due
- 21 Utility Bill Late Notices Sent Out
- 21 Swimming Lessons Sign Up 4-6PM
- 22 Earth Day
- 22 Variance & Conditional Use Permit Info Due
- 29 Water Meters Read
- 30 Utility Bills Mailed Out 

MAY

- 1 May Day
- 7 Agenda Items Due by Noon
- 9 Mother's Day
- 10 City Council Meeting-6:30 PM
- 10 ACH Bank Auto Draw
- 11 Water Shut-Off Date 
- 15 Deuel Graduation
- 20 Utility Bills Due
- 20 Variance & Cond. Use Info Due
- 21 Utility Bill Late Notices Sent Out
- 27 Water Meters Read
- 28 Utility Bills Mailed Out
- 28 Swimming Pool Opening—Weather Permitting
- 31 Memorial Day— OFFICE CLOSED

JUNE

- 3 Thursday's On Third Event
- 4 Agenda Items Due by Noon
- 7 City Council Meeting-6:30 PM
- 8 Water Shut-Off Date
- 10 ACH Bank Auto Draw
- 14 Flag Day
- 17 Variance & Cond. Use Info Due
- 20 Father's Day
- 21 Utility Bills Due
- 22 Utility Bill Late Notices Sent Out
- 23-27 75th Crystal Springs Rodeo 
- 29 Water Meters Read
- 30 Utility Bills Mailed Out

City Office Hours: Monday—Friday 8:00 AM—5:00 PM

Library Hours: Monday & Friday 10 AM—6 PM;

Tuesday & Thursday 3 PM—8 PM;

Wednesday 12 PM—6 PM

Rubble Site Hours: April 1—November

Tuesday & Thursday 2:00 PM—5:30 PM

Saturday 10:00 AM—5:00 PM



Know what's below.
Call before you dig.

REMINDER: Please stop by the City Finance Office to get your pet license for the year!



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SUMP PUMPS

Sump pumps **MUST** be discharged outside beginning April 1st -Oct 31st.

GOLF CARTS

Any person operating a golf cart shall obtain a permit from the City Finance Office to operate the golf cart on municipal streets each year. Proof must be provided that the golf cart is insured for liability and the person operating the golf cart must have a valid driver's license. A permit must be obtained for a fee of \$10.00.



BIG NEWS REGARDING UTILITY PAYMENTS

The City of Clear Lake can now accept automatic ACH payments from **ANY** bank account. This is free to every resident or business! Stop in to the office with a voided check to fill out a bank form or print 1 off at clearlakesd.com/make-a-payment/.
Those using the auto withdraw previously with DNB will have to fill out a new bank form

WARD II CITY COUNCIL ALDERMAN ELECTION

This year there will be a city election for one of the **Ward II City Council seats**. All registered voters that reside in Ward II are encouraged to go out and vote on Tuesday, April 13th; the polls will be open 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. The two candidates running are: Kelli Bauman and Jonas Reppe.



After hours – if you need to contact City Personnel after normal working hours, please call the City Office at 605-874-2121. The message will have the name and cell phone number of the person who is on call for the week.

CITY COUNCIL

MAYOR- GARY EIDE

WARD I – ROSE MACK & CAREY HOLT

WARD II – KELLI BAUMAN & JOHN KEIMIG

WARD III – LISA LUNDBERG

& HARRY MEWHERTER



CITY WIDE CLEAN-UP

CLEAR LAKE CITY RESIDENTS ONLY!!!

- ◆ The Rubble site will be open normal business hours on **May 4, 6, and 8, 2021**, to dispose of acceptable items at *no charge*. (The weather and rubble site conditions permitting.)
- ◆ **Regular fees apply for Freon removal**
- ◆ Elderly residents, with no other means for removal, may call the City Office at 874-2121 by Monday, May 3rd, 2021, to arrange pick-up by the City staff.
- ◆ 21st Century Recycling Inc. will be at the Municipal Building (by the old fire hall) on **Saturday May 8, 2021, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM for FREE electronics recycling**—acceptable items include: computers, printers, copiers, keyboards, mice, radios, cell phones, cameras, LCD & LED monitors & televisions.
NO CRT's or tube TV's will be accepted.
- ◆ Any unused prescription pills can be dropped off at Lewis Drug (year round)

Superintendent's Summary on *Utility Rates*

The City of Clear Lake raised the water & sewer rates for 2021 and this letter is intended to explain why this needed to happen. First, we must start off with stating the city has 3 major accounts; the General Fund, Water and Sewer. The Sewer and Water accounts are enterprise accounts, meaning they must generate enough income themselves to pay for operations and repairs on their own, without pulling from tax dollar funds in the General Fund. The City purchases water from Brookings-Deuel Rural Water and then resells it to the residents of Clear Lake. We are charged a base rate per water connection on Clear Lake residents and an amount per 1000 gallons of water used. The City in turn charges the residents a base rate each month. This money is used for repairs and replacements of water lines, control equipment, water tower cleaning and repainting, along with a quarterly loan payment for a past water project. The income from the per 1000 gallons fees is used for payment of water purchased from BDRW, water samples, meter reading, billing and any water losses throughout the year.

The sewer rate charges per connection and is used for daily operations of the waste water system, record keeping, wastewater sampling, jetting and cleaning of sewer lines, manhole and lift station repairs, and replacement of sewer lines. There are also two sewer loans being paid off with these funds from past wastewater projects.

The cost of replacing 1 block of water and sewer lines, and the repaving of the street, is between \$160,000-\$200,000. There are 3 blocks of sewer lines and 7 blocks of water lines, that are in dire need of being replaced as soon as possible. Just in 2020 alone, the city lost nearly 12,000,000 gallons of water due to crumbling, cracked water lines. We know there will be more in the future due to the age and size of our lines, so we are trying to make slight increases to your monthly bill to cover these repairs instead of acquiring loans and large debts.



The 2021 Utility Rates are as follows:

- * Water: \$20.00 base per month + \$7.25 per 1,000 gallons
- * Sewer: \$45.00 per month
- * Garbage: \$13.85 per month

ZONING HAPPENINGS

Building season is upon us. Before you start, you need a BUILDING PERMIT. Part of a requirement of the Building Permit Application is doing a drawing of your lot. You must know your LEGAL DESCRIPTION and WHERE your PROPERTY LINES are. There is only a certain amount of area on your property that you may build on. From your property lines there is a "setback" requirement which is "green space", no building is allowed in this area. You may do landscaping, fences, etc., but no buildings can be erected on it.

Due to fire codes, there are restrictions on how close structures can be from one another. Garden sheds & detached garages must be 10' from the house & 5' from each other.

Next, you must know what "Zone" you live in. Each zone has different setback rules. R1 zone is the newer developments with larger lots & homes. The setbacks are from the front property line to any building portion of the house is 25', the side property lines to any building portion is 15' & the rear yard is 8'. The R2 zone is most of the town, they have smaller lots & usually combine 2 or 3 lots together.

Please call with any questions! 605-874-2121

READ – Explore – Create at Your Library

The Clear Lake City Library board of directors and staff are ready for Spring! Springtime is busy at the library as we plan and get ready for our Summer Readers. This year we are planning to host story time two times each week, as well as a Friday Fun Day and arts and crafts every day the library is open. Additionally, we always have something fun to exercise the mind and hands with our makerspace activities. Again, this year we will be challenging all participants to read & read & read! Even non-readers can participate in our reading challenge by recording the number of books they listen to. All record keeping will again be done with Read Squared. Parents can download the app on their device or come to the library and we can help!

In addition to the Summer Reading Program, we will again be offering two additional opportunities for young people in our community. The first is the Summer Writers Group, this group will meet one time each week to write and illustrate a picture book. The class will hold an open house in the fall to present their projects to the public. Also, we will have a Summer Volunteer Group this year. We are limiting the group to 10 young people who would be interested in coming to the library 2 to 4 hours each week to help with Summer Reading activities and other library duties. Each volunteer will have a schedule time each week followed by an end of the summer party. **The Library is where it all happens! 874-2013**

