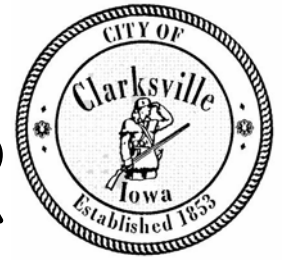


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Sewer Backup Warning

Be Careful What You Put Down Your Drain

Over the past several months our public works department has had an increasing number of incidents where sewer lift stations have stopped working because someone has put towels into the sewer system. Please do not put any solid items down your drains, or flush them away in your toilet. When a lift station stops working, the end result may be a back-up of sewage in one or more homes in your neighborhood. If you have any questions about what is safe to put into your drains, please contact the public works department.

Superior Street To Be Paved

In conjunction with the completion of the storm sewer project, West Superior Street is slated to be re-paved this Summer. Since this is a county highway, the project is being coordinated with the county paving C-33 west of town. The City installed new manhole structures in the past couple years in anticipation of this project.

The railroad crossing on Superior Street will also be rebuilt with new concrete structures like those on Main Street. This may or may not be part of the paving project, depending DOT funding. Either way, the crossing will be improved this Summer as well.

Paving on East Superior Street was finished this past Fall.

Reading Park Project

The Community Visioning Committee has been busy preparing for their next project, which will turn a former community eyesore into an attractive activity area across the street from the library. The city acquired and tore down a dilapidated building on the property two years ago. The project will create an area for the library to hold their outdoor youth programs, as much of the lawn area on the east side of the library was used for the expansion of the library. This new reading park will incorporate a gazebo that will be a smaller replica of the old band shell that was downtown years ago. Other enhancements will include new decorative street lighting, new curb and gutter, new sidewalks, and landscaping. The visioning committee will be selling engraved pavers as part of the fundraising efforts for the project in addition to applying for grants etc. The project is slated to start in the Spring.

Snow Shoveling Fine

The City Council is considering enacting a fine to help encourage residents to shovel their public sidewalks after a snowfall. Sidewalks not shoveled are a safety hazard to those who use them, including first responders. Please be courteous to your neighbors by keeping your public sidewalks cleared of snow and ice. Most of our residents do a good job of this, but the number of areas not kept clean is becoming a growing problem.

Storm Sewer Project Wrapping Up

One of the largest infrastructure projects to ever be undertaken in Clarksville is anticipated to be completed this Spring.

Remaining work to be finished includes dirt grading and seeding in a few areas.

Once the grass becomes established around the intakes, the erosion control "socks" made of straw will be removed. These are in place to prevent the soil from washing down into the intakes.

The main purpose of this project was to alleviate the problem of standing water in intersections. This project also allowed many of the "dips" in intersections to be removed. The improvement is already noticeable, as the areas with new intakes did not have ice jams and the deep ruts that drivers have dealt with in the winter for many years.

Recycling & Yard Waste Notes

NO GOODWILL TRUCK Due to new regulations from Goodwill Industries, there will not be a truck in town during city-wide garage sales this year, so plan accordingly.

NEW RECYCLING CENTER - The City is working to find a new larger user-friendly location for the recycling center located behind City Hall. The amount of cardboard that is being brought to the area continues to increase, so the plan is to find a location that can be fenced in to prevent the materials from blowing around on windy days. Please watch for news as this project progresses.

CITY YARD WASTE SITE Only tree trimmings and vegetation is allowed to be brought to the site. The facility is under 24 hour video surveillance.

OPEN BURNING period for yard leaves is September 1st to May 31st annually. Burning is not allowed on city streets and alleys.

TOTERS please remove your toter from the along the street as soon as possible after garbage and recycling pickup. This keeps them from blowing into the street etc.

City Website Is A Great Resource!
event calendar, contact info, businesses, forms, & more.
www.clarksvilleiowa.com