Clear Lake Clatter

SOUTH · DAKOTA

October — December 2026

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

Rubble Site Hours:

NOV 1—APR 30: SAT. BY APPT. ONLY

Summer Hours:

Wed. 4:30 PM—6:30 PM Sat. 9:00 AM—1:00 PM

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CLEAR LAKE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
125 THIRD AVE S

Dates & Reminders

OCTOBER
- 9 Agenda Items Due by 10 AM
- 12 Columbus Day—OFFICE CLOSED
- 13 DNB Auto Draw
- 13 City Council Meeting—6:00 PM
- 14 Water Shut-Off Date
- 20 Utility Bills Due
- 20 Variance & Conditional Use Permit Info Due
- 21 Utility Bill Late Notices Sent Out
- 29 Water Meters Read
- 31 Utility Bills Mailed Out

NOVEMBER
- 6 Agenda Items Due by 10 AM
- 9 City Council Meeting—6:00 PM
- 10 DNB Auto Draw
- 10 Water Shut-Off Date
- 11 Veterans Day Observed —OFFICE CLOSED
- 17 Variance & Conditional Use Permit Info Due
- 20 Utility Bills Due
- 23 Utility Bill Late Notices Sent Out
- 25 Water Meters Read
- 26 Thanksgiving—OFFICE CLOSED
- 27 Day after Thanksgiving—OFFICE CLOSED
- 30 Utility Bills Mailed Out

DECEMBER
- 4 Agenda Items Due by 10 AM
- 7 City Council Meeting—6:00 PM
- 8 Water Shut-Off Date
- 10 DNB Auto Draw
- 20 Utility Bills Due
- 21 Variance & Conditional Use Permits Info Due
- 22 Utility Bill Late Notices Sent Out
- 24 (1/2 day) and
- 25 Christmas —OFFICE CLOSED
- 28 Year End Council Meeting
- 30 Water Meters Read
- 31 Utility Bills Mailed Out

JAN 1: New Year's Day — OFFICE CLOSED

UPDATE ON PHASE 1A WATERMAIN AND STORM SEWER PROJECT

As the 2026 construction season begins to wind down, significant progress has been made on the Clear Lake Watermain and Storm Sewer Phase 1A Project. With colder weather approaching, crews are working diligently to complete as much work as possible before winter.

By Sept 28, all curb and gutter, fillets, and valley gutters are anticipated to be completed on 7th Ave north of 2nd St, Circle Drive, North Street, 8th Ave between 2nd St and North St; and 1st St between 7th and 9th Ave. Concrete work on 2nd St is also expected to begin and may continue into the week of Oct 5. Utility installation activities for the 2026 construction season have been completed, and crews will continue shaping and grading the roadway gravel base in preparation for asphalt paving as concrete work is completed.

Bowes Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin paving operations during the week of Oct 5, contingent upon the completion of concrete work. Paving is expected to begin with the first asphalt lift on Circle Drive and 7th Ave before progressing in a southwesterly direction throughout the project area. The final asphalt surface will be placed following the same sequence. To minimize disruptions, paving operations will be coordinated to allow residents to park on nearby streets or in alleyways. Residents affected by paving activities will receive advance notice detailing when vehicles must be moved and where alternative parking will be available. Asphalt paving operations are expected to take approximately five days to complete.

Following completion of curb and gutter work, concrete crews will shift their focus to driveway installation for the remainder of the construction season. Any driveways that cannot be completed before winter will be temporarily restored with gravel and completed in the spring of 2027 when weather conditions permit.

Topsoil placement behind the new curb and gutter will also continue this fall. Areas that cannot be permanently seeded before winter will, at a minimum, be stabilized this year and seeded in the spring. If weather conditions remain favorable, some seeding operations may still be completed this fall.

Construction activities will resume in the spring of 2027. Work next year will include utility installation and street reconstruction on 8th Ave between 2nd and 4th Streets, 3rd St between 7th and 9th Ave, and 9th Ave between 4th St and North St. The project is scheduled for final completion by August 30, 2027, including utility improvements, concrete work, asphalt paving, site restoration, and final seeding.

We appreciate the patience and cooperation from residents throughout this construction season. We recognize the inconveniences that construction can create and appreciate your support as these improvements are completed and the project moves toward completion.

Thank you—City of Clear Lake

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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PHASE 1B WATERMAIN AND STORM SEWER PROJECT UPDATE

Phase 1B covers the southeast area of the City south of 5th Street and east of 2nd Avenue. A public meeting was held August 12th and survey work has begun. Advertising for bids for this project will be in the spring of 2027 with completion in 2028.

UTILITY BILL CHANGES OCTOBER 1ST

AS OF YOUR OCTOBER BILLING DUE NOVEMBER 20TH:

Garbage: $21.74

Water: $22.00 base and $7.25/1000 gal. (increased from $6.75/1000) + $30.60 surcharge + $9.65 NEW surcharge

Sewer: $33.00 base + $29.65 SURCHARGE plus $2.50/1000 gal water used over 3000 gallons—SEWER RATES TO CHANGE IN JANUARY 2027

Example: If you use 5000 gallons of water in a month, your total bill would be $187.89 which is an overall increase from $175.74.

ORDINANCE NO. 675 REGARDING WATER RATES WAS PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL SEPT. 8TH FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF OCTOBER BILLING.

7 WAYS TO AVOID BECOMING A MISINFORMATION SUPERSPREADER (from theconversation.com)

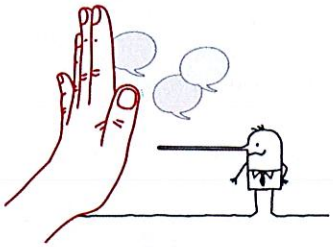
Misinformation is misleading or outright false information shared by people who do not know it's not true—Disinformation is a type of misinformation deliberately generated to maliciously mislead people, intentionally shared—knowing it's false. Social media has become such a large part of our lives in this world, that we need to be careful spreading inaccuracies.

Educate yourself: Learn about common disinformation tactics, how social media platforms function, and basic scientific standards of evidence. Recognize false stories and posts when you encounter them

Recognize your vulnerabilities: Research has found people are more susceptible to misinformation that aligns with their preexisting views. This is called "confirmation bias," because a person is biased toward believing information that confirms what they already believe.

The lesson is to be particularly critical of information from groups or people with whom you agree or find yourself aligned – whether politically, religiously, or by ethnicity or nationality. Remind yourself to look for other points of view, and other sources with information on the same topic.

It is especially important to be honest with yourself about what your biases are. Many people assume others are biased, but believe they themselves are not – and imagine that others are more likely to share misinformation than they themselves are.



Consider the source: Evaluate the credibility and reliability of the outlet or person sharing the information before trusting it.

Take a pause: Slow down and think before you share, as impulsive sharing is a primary driver of false content. Value truth and accuracy.

Be aware of your emotions: Notice if a post triggers a strong emotional reaction like anger or fear, which is often used to manipulate readers.

Stand up to misinformation publicly: Critically evaluate the logic in a misleading post and provide factual counterevidence or reliable links.

If you see someone else stand up, stand with them: Support others who are actively correcting falsehoods to help reinforce accurate information.

FRIENDLY NOTICES:

SUMP PUMP POLICY

It shall be permissible to allow ground water or precipitation runoff into the city sewer system from Nov 1st each year through Mar 31st.

ANNUAL PET LICENSES:

2027 tags will be available in December and are required for all cats and dogs in the City

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 & cell phone number of the person who is on call for the week.

SNOW REMOVAL

STREETS: During snow removal efforts, it is important to park vehicles, trailers, etc. off the streets and alleys until plowing operations are completed. The City will not be responsible for vehicles parked in the streets and alleys that are isolated by snow accumulation due to plowing operations. Vehicles parked in the streets or alleys during a snow event are subject to ticketing and towing per City Ordinance 7-1-4.

SIDEWALKS: It shall be the duty of every occupant or owner of the premises to remove all ice and snow from the sidewalk abutting said premises as soon after same has accumulated as can reasonably be removed. **It is against City Ordinance to throw snow onto a street, alley or adjoining property when clearing driveways and sidewalks in residential areas.**