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Mayor's Corner

The arrival of each new year brings thoughts of optimism, hope, and the promise of new and exciting initiatives for our community. It also means that the

Citizen's Budget Committee will meet to begin the process of tailoring the City budget for FY 2012/2013. The committee will meet on January 4 and 11 to review the budget proposals from each of the City departments. The primary purpose of having a Citizen's Budget Committee is to bring a broad cross-section of Clive residents in to the budgeting process to provide

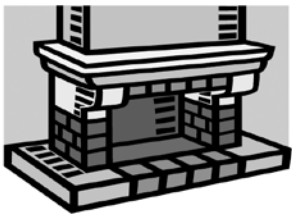
transparency, gain feedback, and ultimately provide direction to the City Council on budget priorities. It is a process that has served us well for many years and I appreciate all of the committee members giving their time and talent to assist the City in its budgeting efforts.

On November 17, 2011, the City Council approved the Capital Improvement Plan for 2012 – 2016 (CIP). The CIP process is new to the City of Clive and will serve as a short-term guide for City staff and the Council as it relates to the identification of various infrastructure and equipment priorities. The process also helps identify financing options and establishes a timeline for implementation of the various priorities. Although the CIP establishes the broad framework of priorities and timeline for implementation, the City Council still acts upon each of the

priorities individually throughout the timeline to allow for ample public input. The CIP will also serve as a valuable tool to help us move closer to having a multi-year budget which has been a strategic goal for several years. I believe that having a multi-year budget will be of great assistance to your staff and elected officials as they work to plan more effectively and to be even better stewards of your tax dollars. Please go to www.cityofclive.com/capital-improvements-program/, to learn more about the 2012 -2016 CIP.

Best wishes for a safe, happy and productive year in 2012 and as always, it is an honor and a privilege to serve as your Mayor. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly with any questions you may have.

Home Heating Safety



There's just something nice about curling up with a good book by the fireplace

during the winter months, and we have a lot of fireplaces in Clive! But did you know that heating equipment is a leading cause of home fire deaths? With a few simple safety tips and general precautions, you can prevent most heating fires from happening so you are able to enjoy the one in the fireplace.

- Keep anything that CAN burn at least 3 ft. away from heating equipment (furnace, fireplace, woodstoves, or portable space heaters).
- Maintain a 3 ft. "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.

- Have your chimney cleaned and inspected by a professional regularly.
- Make sure your fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room.
- Ashes should be cool before putting them into a metal container/bucket. Keep the container a safe distance from your home when you take it outside. Do not place in windy area if uncovered.
- Turn off portable heaters when leaving or going to bed.
- If you must use an extension cord, use a gauge heavy enough for the appliance operating.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Always use the CORRECT type of fuel specified for fuel burning heaters.

- Test your smoke alarms regularly (monthly is recommended).

Half of all home heating fires are reported during the months of December, January, and February. Creosote in chimneys is estimated to be involved in nearly 25% of home heating fires. Creosote has been responsible for multiple civilian deaths and injuries, as well as nearly \$40 million in direct property damage per year. The leading factors are failure to clean the chimney and heating equipment being too close to combustible materials. So please, if you use a fireplace, use only seasoned hardwoods, do not burn trash or scrap wood, and above all, have the chimney inspected and cleaned.

Our wish is for you to be warm AND safe this winter! (just not TOO warm!)

Winter Fire Safety

Where do I keep my snow-blower gas stored? Is my chimney clean for use? Is my ice melt where the family pet can't get at it? Is my sidewalk clear of ice? Is my furnace filter clean? Do I have too many extension cords plugged in around the house? Are my outlets ground-fault protected? Did I blow out the candles before I went to bed? Do I have paint cans or cardboard near the furnace or water heater? Should I throw this old electric blanket away and get a new one? Did I turn the oven off after baking those awesome cookies? Is this cord safe under the rug? Is the hydrant in front of my house buried in snow?

Keep fire safety simple – THINK! And please be CAREFUL! No matter how you decorate, store things, heat your home or business, or spend your

winter months, remember this: FIRES HAPPEN. ALL heating devices are a potential ignition source. Whether it is a fireplace, space heater (fuel or electric), furnace, electric blanket, etc., check your house and business today! There are three ingredients required for fire to exist – oxygen, fuel, and heat. Keeping those three things separated is essential to preventing a fire. The only thing they are looking for is an invitation to get together. It really IS that simple. Take one of those three things away, and there is no fire.

As always, if you would like more specific information regarding winter fire safety, call the Clive Fire Department. We will be glad to help you and provide more information. Stay warm. But more importantly, stay safe!

Paying your Utility Bill

Many residents call with questions regarding the different ways to pay their water bill.

There are five ways to pay your bill:

1. At City Hall (check or cash). You may use the drop box in front of the building. Payments in the drop box are collected every business day. Please use your payment envelope and write your address and/or account number on the envelope.
2. Via US Mail by check. (must be post-dated the 15th of the month)
3. "Easy Pay" – this option is the most convenient, timely, accurate and reliable way to pay your bill. It is paid automatically from your checking account, saving you time, effort and postage, with no added fee. **(This amount is deducted on the 15th day of each month.)** Stop by the Water Department or print an application from our website www.cityofclive.com/departments/administration/utilities/ to begin Easy Pay service or call 867-5199.
4. Pay online through www.cityofclive.com with your credit or debit card. These transactions carry a

convenience fee. Your water account will be credited within 24 hours of completing this transaction.

5. Payment **through your bank** online. These payments are **NOT** an electronic transfer transaction. The City is mailed a check from your bank for your payment. It takes up to 10 days for us to receive the payments. Payments **must be received by the Clive Water Department by the 15th** of the month. Any payments from your bank received after the 15th (no matter what date is on your check) will be considered late and a 10% penalty will be added to your account. This method is not recommended unless you are paying **AT LEAST 10 business days** ahead of the due date.



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CITY SERVICES

Aquatics Facility (Seasonal)	440-0599
City Clerk	223-6220
City Manager	223-6220
Code Enforcement Officer	223-6220
Community Development	223-6221
Fire (Emergency)	911
Fire Department (Non Emergency)	223-1595
Garbage Information	223-6220
Library	453-2221
Parks and Recreation	223-5246
Police (Emergency)	911
Police Department (Non Emergency)	278-1312
Street Maintenance	223-6231
Water and Sewer Billing Information	867-5199
Clive Chamber of Commerce	222-5295

Thank You

Dahl's and Hy-Vee

The City of Clive is extending a sincere thanks to the following grocery stores for collecting utility payments:

- Dahl's Stores located at 8700 Hickman Road and 15500 Hickman Road, Clive.
- Hy-Vee Stores located at 7101 University Avenue, Windsor Heights, 1700-35th Street and 1725 Jordan Creek Parkway, West Des Moines.

We appreciate the convenience this service provides to the residents of Clive. Remember payments made at the grocery store locations will only be taken during the 1st day of the month through the 15th day of the month.

Help the Fire Department Help YOU!

When the snow falls, we appreciate all the help we can get from our residents and property owners. While you are clearing snow from your sidewalk, please be mindful of any fire hydrants near or on your property. Do not pile snow on or around them as this hides the hydrant from street view. Fire truck engineers are always on the lookout for the nearest hydrant



as they approach a fire scene, and if it is hidden behind a large snow pile, or worse, totally buried, this can cause significant delays in attacking a fire quickly and effectively. Would you unofficially "adopt" the hydrant in front of your house? Make sure that emergency personnel can locate it quickly by keeping the snow cleared around it.

Lastly, private snow plow operators are also asked to be mindful of hydrants

on both public and private property when they are moving snow, as well as not piling it against the back doors of buildings. Snow thaws and re-freezes, which can make emergency exits unusable for building occupants. It is the property owner's responsibility to maintain their hydrants and walkways, and liability issues may arise if delays in attacking a fire, or being able to escape a fire, can be directly attributed to improper snow removal operations.

Give the Plows a Break!

Driving a snowplow is one of the toughest jobs around! Operators must maneuver a 27' truck with a 10' plow through city streets, while dealing with foggy windows, swirling snow, slippery roads, icy intersections and everyday traffic. So please, "give 'em a brake."



- During snow storm conditions, snow plows are considered and should be treated as an emergency vehicle.
- Keep a safe distance when following snow plows. This is critical because snowplows create a swirl of snow that can blind the driver of a car following too closely or cars approaching from the opposite direction.
- Snow trucks may also be spreading material to melt snow and ice to provide traction for driving safety.
- Don't stop too closely behind a stopped snowplow. The operator may be preparing to back up and may not see you.
- Don't pass a snowplow unless your visibility is perfectly clear and it is completely safe for you, the snowplow driver, and other vehicles.
- Patience is very necessary during snow season. The snowplow operator is working to provide safe road conditions for you and your family.

What We Love About Clive!

Santa comes to the neighborhood every year to visit!



Clive Library

Preschool Teachers and Day Care Providers

The Clive Public Library has just added three new themes to our preschool deposit collections. These collections are tubs of materials we've created to be used in an early childhood classroom setting. Materials included are a collection of 15-20 books and several added activities to correspond to a theme. The tubs of materials are available to be checked out for up to three months time and used as an added resource in the classroom.

Available themed tubs:

- ABC/123
- Colors/Shapes
- Community Helpers
- Dinosaurs
- Family/Friends
- Farms
- Food and Nutrition *NEW
- Music and Movement *NEW
- Seasons
- Transportation *NEW
- Zoo Animals

To check out a preschool deposit collection, the director of your institution will need to come in and set up a Library account for your daycare or preschool. Individual Library card holders may check out these collections for the regular check out of three weeks. Please inquire at the front desk for more information. The collection is made possible by generous donations from Friends of the Clive Public Library and Walnut Ridge at Clive/Wedum Foundation.

WINTER II REGISTRATION

Registration for Winter II Library programs will start for Clive residents at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, January 9. Registration for non-residents of Clive will start at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, January 16. Registration will be available online at www.cityofclive.com/departments/library and in person at the Library. The session begins January 23 and ends the week of February 27.

Baby Sign Language

Mondays, January 23, 30, February 6 and 13, 2012

6:30 – 7:15 p.m.

These four-week classes are for hearing parents and babies (0-18 months) and will teach different vocabulary and techniques from American Sign Language to communicate with your baby. Each week will build on the previous week's lesson. Register online at www.cityofclive.com/departments/

[library](#) or in person at the Library beginning January 9.

CSI

Saturday, January 21, 2012

2:45 - 3:45 p.m.

Ages 10-15. Join a member of the Clive Police Department to learn useful skills such as how to fingerprint a friend/criminal and look at DNA. Register online at www.cityofclive.com/departments/library or in person at the Library beginning January 9.

Clive Parks And Recreation Open House

See what new features will be coming soon to your favorite park. Visit with Parks and Recreation Board Members, staff, friends, and neighbors on plans for 2012. We'll be at the Aquatic Center Special Events Building at 1801 NW 114th Street on Tuesday, January 31 from 6:00-8:30 p.m.

The open house will showcase the Clive Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Projects for 2012.

- A. Campbell Recreation Area
- B. Clive Aquatic Center
- C. Greenbelt Trail Enhancements

We'll also have a variety of opportunities for the youngsters and the young at heart.

1. Learn about how you can become a Park Friend
2. Pool Pass Sales (includes a promotional \$20 concession stand certificate when a pass is purchased)
3. Games including mini-golf, fishing for prizes, bowling, bags, twister, and many more
4. Two door prize drawings for a new tree or concession gift card
5. Sneak peak of the Spring/Summer Clive Creations Brochure

Don't miss out on your first opportunity for Summer Fun In 2012.

Disposing of Your Christmas Tree and Yard Waste

Christmas trees will be collected in Compost It! communities January 2 to January 13.

Metro Waste Authority asks all residents to "de-trim" their trees. Ornaments, tinsel, tree stands, and other decorations should be removed from trees before placing them at the curb. Trees that have been placed in plastic bags will **not** be collected. **Wreaths are also not accepted.** These items can harm the composting equipment and workers at the MWA's Metro Compost Center.

You **must attach a \$1.15 Compost-It sticker to each tree that you want disposed.** The tree will not be picked up if any other stickers are attached. They need to be the Green sticker that says Compost-It and **not** the Yellow Extra Trash Pick Up sticker.

Did you know that residents can dispose of yard waste along with their Christmas trees? This year, the late arrival of freezing temperatures and snow means that many residents are still gathering up leaves and other yard waste. Compost It! bags, generic bags with Compost It! stickers, and brush bundles with Compost It! stickers will be collected with Christmas trees during the first two weeks of January. This will be the last chance for yard waste pickup until spring.