

# ALEXANDER GAZETTE

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## CLEAN-UP DAY!

The City will be having a Clean-Up Day on:

**Saturday, June 21, 2025**  
9:00 AM – NOON  
(or until dumpsters are full)

No electronics, appliances, tires, paint, hazardous waste, batteries, yard waste.

If you are physically unable to get items to the dumpsters, arrangements can be made. Please contact the City Clerk by June 18<sup>th</sup>. No curbside pick-up.

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HAVING/ PARTICIPATING IN A COMMUNITY GARDEN?

Meeting will be held at the New Park at 2:00 PM on Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>!



## RAGBRAI® LII

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2025

### UPDATES:

- We are expecting about 20 vendors that day, with about 13-14 of those offering food and beverage, they will be announced individually throughout the month of June on our RAGBRAI Facebook page.
- A google map to show the locations of different vendors, as well as water stations, first aid, displays, bathrooms and more has been shared on Facebook, there may be a few small changes before the big day.
- In the last meeting with RAGBRAI officials we discussed Emergency Management and received updates on registration numbers. If there is a threat of severe weather, RAGBRAI will try to hold cyclists back in previous towns
- **Are you interested in volunteering?** Contact a Council member or the City Clerk for more information! There may be something in it for you! Keep an eye on the City Facebook Page!
- Pre-Ride aka Route Inspection Came through on June 4<sup>th</sup>, check out the RAGBRAI Official page and our Alexander RAGBRAI Page on Facebook for pictures and information!



## SEPTIC

If you have not updated your septic system, you are now in violation of the City of Alexander Code of Ordinances and DNR regulations!

**June 3, 2025**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
 Mayor Schear opened the meeting at 6:00 PM.  
 Council Persons Present: Roy Arends, Christian Larsen, Brad Peterson, and Kim Larsen.  
 Approval of Agenda – Motion by K Larsen to approve, 2nd by Arends. Approved unanimously.  
 Minutes of May meeting – Motion by Arends to approve, 2nd by K Larsen. Approved unanimously.  
 Motion by Peterson to approve vouchers and pay bills, 2nd by Arends. Approved unanimously.  
 June Expenditures – Clear Lake Sanitary (water testing) \$44.00; Hawkins (additives) \$327.43; IPERS (pensions) \$375.49; Jaspersen Insurance (WC Audit Prem) \$26.00; River City Fence (playground) \$21,040.00; Router12 (phone/internet) \$80.00; S&H Environmental (Water Super) \$850.00; Storey Kenworthy (office supply) \$222.43; Treas St IA (WET) \$155.37; True Value (supplies)



### **First Reformed Church**

Services 9:30 AM  
 Fellowship 10:45 AM  
 All are Welcome!  
 Sunday School – 9:30 AM

\$30.99; Aimee Frohling (clerk salary/mileage)  
 \$915.62; Brad Peterson (council) \$92.26; Christian Larsen (Maint/Wat Ass./Roads /Council)  
 \$934.95; Courtney Noelting (council) \$69.19; Kimberly Larsen (council) \$69.19; Roy Arends (council) \$92.35; Thomas Schear (Mayor) \$46.12; RAGBRAI expenses \$1,151.99.  
 May Receipts – Property Tax \$4,829.79; LOST \$1,504.92; Road Use Taxes \$1,114.77; Utility Accounts \$3,101.86; Sale of Property \$3,100.00.  
 Public Input – Resident had questions about RAGBRAI, possibly becoming a vendor, will speak to clerk after meeting.  
 Library Report – Out of T&S Sanitation garbage bags, hope to have more soon.  
 State library is waiting to see what cuts will be made to funding, will probably need to adjust budget. Biggest cut presently known is to Bridges/Libby which affects E-books and Audiobooks. Books won't be available for check out at the State Library, Iowa Shares is cutting back on book deliveries. These program cuts WILL affect our library. Will be scaling down summer

## Have a junk car?

Call Virgil Larsen  
 for pricing  
 (641) 751-2512

He will pay you for it and haul it away too!



### June Minutes (cont'd)

reading program.  
 Next Link Tower Contract – Did receive contract, rep not in attendance. Council would like clerk to run it by attorney. Tabled.  
 Clean Up Day – Will have a couple of dumpsters on June 21st from 9AM – Noon or until full, will put details in newsletter regarding items allowed, etc.  
 RAGBRAI recap – Executive Committee approved vendors, Map has been put out on Facebook, Pre-ride coming through tomorrow. Need volunteers to help on July 23rd!!  
 Waterworks Repair Quotes – Meter received, work not started yet.  
 Nuisances – Letters will be sent about some garbage, lawn mowing, building a fence without a permit. A car will be towed. Discussed whether it should be allowed

## DONATE! BRANDI PALS MEMORIAL FUND

Monetary Donations can be Made at Clear Lake Bank & Trust (Brandi Pals Memorial Fund)

For more information or to make donations you may contact:

Thomas Pals: (641)640-8754

Monica Pals: (641) 373-0468

### Owners of Baseball Field:

Carmelo and Christine Garcia  
(641) 373-8058

Feel free to call with any questions or concerns regarding the Baseball Field!

## Building Permits

Don't forget that you need a permit if you are planning a home addition, construction of a building, placing a fence or concrete, building a deck, or making any other alteration to your property.

Permit applications are free and can be picked up from City Hall during regular business hours along with a copy of the City Building Code.

### Website

[www.cityofalexander-iowa.com](http://www.cityofalexander-iowa.com)

If you would rather read this newsletter electronically on the website, please drop me an email or a note with your water bill. Fewer printed copies will help save on time, paper, and ink.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**City Council Meeting**  
**July 1, 2025 6:00 PM**

**Clean Up Day**  
**June 21, 2025 9:00 AM**

**Water bills due**  
**20<sup>th</sup> each month**

**Recycling 1st and 3rd**  
**Friday**

## City Hall Office Hours:

Wednesday's  
9:00 AM – Noon

2nd/4th Saturday's  
9:00 AM – Noon

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## **Brandi Pals Memorial Scholarship Fund Fundraiser!**

**JUNE 21, 2025 | 4:00 PM – DARK | THE PALS RANCH**  
**178 180<sup>th</sup> Street, Alexander, Iowa**

**Pulled Pork and All the Fixings, Freewill Donation!**

**Raffle Drawing: 7:00 PM, Need not be present to win**

**\*Savage Stevens Engraved O/U Shotgun**

**\*Benelli Super Nova 12 GA Pump 3-3 1/2**

**\*4 Nights Stay at High Banks Resort, Deer River, MN**

**\*2 Nights Stay at Border View Lodge, Baudette, MN**

**Silent Auction: 7:00 PM, Must be present to win**

**Fireworks at Dark by 4G's Pyro!!!**

## **HAPPY FATHERS DAY!**

**"A father carries pictures where his  
money Used to be."**

**-STEVE MARTIN**



**June Minutes (cont'd)**

for someone to burn debris from a house tear down in town. If it is done little by little in a pit would be okay, not the whole house.

Park relocation – Still need to place the basketball hoop, other items installed, fence is up. Clerk can order some signage.

Septic – none.

Building permits – Fence at 218 State Street. Motion by Peterson to approve, 2nd by C Larsen. Approved. Adjourned.

**MOWING ORDINANCE**

6. Grass and weeds: a. Every property owner shall cut, mow, and maintain all grass, weeds, and brush upon the owner's property and adjacent to the curb line or outer boundary of any street which shall include the parking area abutting the owner's property, to a uniform height as defined in 3-2-3(6)(b). b. Grass, weeds, and brush shall be cut, mowed, and maintained so as not to exceed the following height specifications: Developed residential areas – not to exceed 6", Undeveloped residential areas – not to exceed 8", Business and Industrial areas – not to exceed 6", Agricultural areas – not to exceed 15". Grass, weeds, and brush which are allowed to grow in excess of the specified limitations shall be deemed to be a violation of this chapter. c. Every property owner shall cut and control noxious weeds upon the owner's property and adjacent to the curb line or outer boundary of any street, which shall include the parking area abutting the owner's property, by cutting noxious weeds to ground level or use of herbicides to eliminate or eradicate such weeds. Noxious weeds include any weed growth or plant designated as noxious by the State Department of Natural Resources rules or regulations or by the Code of Iowa. d. Upon discovery of violation of this section, the City may initiate abatement procedures as outlined in Title III, Chapter 2 of this Code of Ordinances. The City shall assess a \$200.00 per subdivided lot and/or any part of a subdivided lot as the expense of each mowing of grass, weeds, or brush. Only one notice will be given per year to violators of this section, the City will have the grass mowed as often as necessary when it is allowed to grow longer than specified in Title III, Chapter 2, Section 3-2-3, 6(b) of this Code of Ordinances. e. No property owner shall cut, mow, or deposit in any fashion any grass, weeds, brush, or leaves upon a City Street

**LIBRARY NEWS**

The door at the library is always open for reading, learning, and relaxation! Stop in and browse our large collection of books, periodicals, and movies!

Interested in volunteering and/or being a part of the library? Stop in, or contact a Library Board Member!



Coffee and Conversation  
Saturday Mornings!

[ATTENTION! DO NOT PUT LITHIUM BATTERIES IN THE GARBAGE!](#)



Garbage bags can be purchased at the Library (\*Library currently out of stock) and various locations in the surrounding area. If you are interested in a rolling cart, you may call: T&S Sanitation at (515) 293-1643