



Clear Lake Association

Summer 2022 Newsletter

THE HOLIDAY IS COMING!

You can almost feel the excitement in the air about the upcoming holiday. People are anticipating visits from family members and/or friends. Parties are being planned, especially to watch the July 2 fireworks. Menus are being sketched before deciding when and where to shop for food and beverages. Sometimes even extra air mattresses are brought out of the closet for this once-a-year special occasion. It all says: **WELCOME TO 4TH OF JULY AT CLEAR LAKE!**

The Clear Lake Association has been in communication with Brian Hollister, owner of Hollister Pyrotechnics, and he's ready to provide another amazing fireworks display. The show will begin at **10:00 pm, Saturday, July 2**, and unless there's lighting or a heavy downpour, we're a "go." (Rain date, just in case, is Sunday, July 3.) The launch location on the causeway near 230 West Clear Lake is the safest place around the lake to launch the fireworks and also allows the Fremont Fire Department to be "on standby" adjacent to the site. Whether you view the display from your front lawn or your boat, we hope you enjoy this celebration of our country's birthday.



As you can imagine, it takes people, planning and time to prepare for this annual event, as well as follow up protocols. John Wilhelm, CLA Board Member, will coordinate the set up and other board members will "walk the grid" the morning after for any remaining debris. Thanks to Property Management Solutions Bonnie Brown for allowing us to use their trailer for spent shells and Bruce Moody for transport. Please honor the **ROAD CLOSED** signs that will be posted at 230 and 256 West Clear Lake Drive. That section of road **MUST** be closed to not only cars and golf carts, but also to bikes, strollers, and pedestrians. We're not trying to prevent anyone from getting a sneak peak at the set up, but it is completely a matter of safety to keep all non-licensed persons out of the danger area. Please plan an alternate route after 9:00 am Saturday, July 2, until Sunday morning.



We thank all of you who have sent in your \$30 CLA Annual Dues and any additional donations. This enables the Association to continue providing opportunities to everyone at Clear Lake. Once your check is received and processed, the CLA sticker will be mailed to your address of record. This traditional logo is a way to display your support of the Association and is our way of saying "Thank you for your support!" If you have not yet had a chance to join, please print and complete the form on the last page. It should be mailed to Clear Lake Association, **P.O. Box 38, Fremont, IN, 46737**. Please do *not* drop off your check and form at Town Hall! They are not allowed to keep money or non-town-related forms overnight.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the Clear Lake Association Annual Meeting, to be held Saturday, **July 9, at 9:00 am** at Town Hall. Remember that this is your association and we invite you to come and hear about what the board has been doing this past year for the Clear Lake community and share comments and/or questions. Coffee and donuts will be served.

Margaret Carlson, Clear Lake Association President
president@clearlakeassociation.org

ONE LAST SHOW

Unfortunately, we have learned that Hollister Pyrotechnics, which has provided spectacular fireworks for Clear Lake the past few years, is closing their business. Owner Brian Hollister stated that an extreme increase in prices and lack of available fireworks have prompted this decision. Clear Lake will be his last – and only – show this summer. He said CL has always been special to him, he has friends and family here, and he’s always tried to provide a great fireworks show. He plans to “go out with a bang!” this year.

In a recent conversation with Brian, he shared a few “behind the scenes” tidbits. Once the shells are wired, they are basically “live.” It is extremely rare, but these fireworks could go off before the planned detonation. They contain a lot of power. For example, a four-inch shell can blow a hole in a one-inch piece of plywood. The Clear Lake show uses up to eight-inch shells. Everyone working with the fireworks must be licensed, but Brian said he, personally, is the only one he allows at “ground zero” in case of malfunction once the show begins.

Your CLA Board is working to find a new provider for next year’s event. We have reached out to several contacts, but have found similar issues about price and availability of fireworks, as well as a qualified crew. Positive feedback from potential providers has centered on our getting an early start in planning for a 2023 show. Any suggestions or referrals about pyrotechnics providers would be appreciated. (mandygleave@yahoo.com)

(Scene from last year’s Clear Lake Fireworks)



CLEAR LAKE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL FIREWORKS!

SATURDAY, JULY 2, 10:00 PM

Please note! For the safety of all,
#230 to #256 West Clear Lake Drive will be closed
to ALL traffic Saturday, July 2, after 9:00 am.

Cars, golf carts, bicycles, strollers, pedestrians: please use an alternate route, such as Penner Drive, that day. Thank you for your cooperation.

LET'S HEAR IT FOR "THE BUOYS"



Buoy Project Chairman Todd Rumsey reports that buoys placement is largely complete in appropriate locations around the lake. A Special Boating Zone has been recommended for approval and will be official in the fall. Until then, no deep buoys on Point Park Drive. He also reminds boaters to keep a 50-foot distance from the buoys.

THIS & THAT AROUND THE LAKE

The annual **Clear Lake Lions Chicken BBQ** will be held this year on **Saturday morning, July 2**. You can place your order by contacting Roger Dammeier (260-413-7480) or by email clearlakelionsbarbq@mail.com by Friday, July 1. Chicken halves (\$9 each) are cooked on site and will be available for pick up at the Pavilion at Clear Lake Lutheran Church, 270 Outer Drive. Reserved chicken should be picked up by 11:30 am, if possible. This fund-raiser enables the Lions Club to give back to the community through scholarships and other charitable outlets.



Yakety Yak is a gathering of ladies from Clear/Round Lake who enjoy visiting with old friends, meeting new ones and catching up on what's happening around the lake. The next meeting is **Thursday, July 14, 9:30 am** at the Pavilion across from CL Lutheran Church. In case of bad weather, the group will move across the street indoors to the church. Donuts are provided; please bring your own beverage.



If you have questions, please contact Kris Gartner. krisgartner@gmail.com

Clear Lake Lutheran Church has announced the schedule of **Guest Musicians for summer outdoor worship**. All services will be held outdoors at the Pavilion (weather permitting) at 9:00 am, with the exception of the Kasota Island service, which begins at 10:00 am. You can remain in your golf cart or seating is available on benches under roof or chairs in the grass. Roll-down blinds to offer shade from the morning sun are a new addition to the pavilion this year. Pastor Jeff Corder welcomes everyone in the community and visiting guests.

- **July 3** – Fernando Tarrango, tenor, will be returning to Indiana from New Zealand for the first time in two years. He, his wife Lanah, and two sons have Clear Lake roots through Lanah's family, Joe and Sally Hake, long-time residents of South Clear Lake Drive.
- **August 7** – Donald Ross will be traveling from Rochester Hills, Michigan, with his historic bagpipes, attired in his family tartan.
- **August 21** – Kasota Island Annual Service will feature Chere' Pepper with vocals and guitar. She returns to the area after performing at several venues in Florida over the winter.
- **September 4** (Labor Day weekend) – Katherine Burris from Muncie is a classically-trained soprano and recent Ball State graduate with a wide range of musical styles.



The Free-Little Library is ready for summer! Thanks to dedicated volunteers, the wooden structure next to Town Hall has been cleaned and organized. Adult fiction and non-fiction, as well as children's books, are available to all lake residents and visitors to borrow at their convenience. This is another project of the Clear Lake Association and was constructed in 2013. If you wish to donate any gently-used books, especially children's literature, please contact CLA Board Member Rita Brown. gogosglass@gmail.com

WEBERS CELEBRATE 70 YEARS

England has just celebrated the 70th anniversary of their queen on the throne. However, Clear Lake has its own “Platinum” event. Long-time Clear Lake summer residents Leo and Betty Weber celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on June 14, 2022. We recently spoke with Betty by phone and she shared some of their memories.



Leo & Betty enjoy *Diner en Blanc*
at CLYC, July, 2014.
(Photo: Judv Johnston)

Although Leo and Betty met in sixth grade in 1941, they didn't marry until after college. Their Clear Lake story began in 1977 when Leo, who had just begun working for Essex Wire in Ft. Wayne, decided to check out lake cottages he saw advertised in the newspaper. When he saw 502 East Clear Lake Drive first hand, with its guest cottage at 501, he knew it met Betty's criteria: trees, big enough for their five sons and a guest cottage. He called her and asked her to come up to look at it. She said “When?” and he replied, “Now!” Betty, who had never heard of Clear Lake, somehow found the address, but it was by then late in the day. The electricity wasn't turned on, so they toured the guest cottage by flashlight. They put in an offer, went to dinner, and then said, “What have we done?!” The guest cottage was in terrible shape and they didn't even know if the electricity worked!

Over the years Leo and Betty made the cottages “home” and began a tradition for the next generation with “Weber Week.” For 22 years grandchildren from Indiana and Michigan gathered at Clear Lake for a week of fun activities on the water and on the shore. The guest cottage was equipped with multiple bunk beds, that were labeled to match towel hooks. (Betty said Leo was an engineer so he organized everything.) Leo taught the older grandchildren to sail and Betty entertained the younger ones with games and crafts. But they soon realized they needed an extra set of hands for so many children, so Katy (Thomas) Talbott was counselor for several years. One year they took 13 grandchildren to Chicago for three days to tour museums, Shedd Aquarium, and other sites. To keep track of everyone, they bought red headscarves for the girls and red baseball caps for the boys. It worked well until Betty almost gathered a little girl with a red headscarf that was not her grandchild. After an apology and some explanation that she wasn't trying to kidnap their daughter, the parents were fine.

Betty said Clear Lake was a great place to be for summer. Through the years everyone would come for the major holidays. The cottage was a nice place for family to meet up with siblings and cousins and keep in touch. It was always special. Some of the great grandchildren have asked if they could live at Clear Lake. (Never mind that their parents' jobs were in distant locations!)

Betty and Leo aren't ready to give up Clear Lake yet, but Leo's doctor won't allow him to travel here this summer. So, their sons and wives – Steven & Sandy, David & Marilyn, Jeff & Marilyn, Greg, Brian & Molly – and the 16 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren visited them in Charleston, SC in June. What a wonderful celebration of 70 years of marriage! Congratulations to Leo and Betty and warm wishes from your Clear Lake friends.

Photo: Son Brian presenting over 30 cards and letters
from Clear Lake friends to Leo & Betty



MARSHAL'S REPORT

Summer is upon us again and there are a few things we would like to address, first of which is fireworks in the Town of Clear Lake. We live near each other, so please consider your neighbors when lighting off fireworks. As a reminder, the local ordinance pertaining to fireworks is as follows:

94.02 CONSUMER USE OF FIREWORKS.

No person within the corporate boundaries of the town shall use or display or permit to be used or displayed any type of consumer fireworks on any other day or time other than the following:



(Dates/times fireworks are permitted are listed in RED.)

- (A) June 29, June 30, July 1, July 2, July 3, July 5, July 6, July 7, July 8, July 9, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. to two hours after sunset.
- (B) July 4 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight.
- (C) Memorial Day between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.
- (D) Labor Day between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.
- (E) Between the hours of 10:00 p.m. on December 31 and 1:00 a.m. on January 1.
- (F) No other date or time is permitted for consumer use of fireworks.

CONSUMER FIREWORKS include:

- (1) Aerial devices, which include, but are not limited to, skyrockets, missile type rockets, helicopter or aerial spinners, roman candles, mines, and shells.
- (2) Ground audible devices, which include, but are not limited to, firecrackers, salutes, and chasers; and
- (3) Firework devices containing combinations of the effects described in divisions (1) and (2) of this definition.

As our community fills with the warmer weather, increased traffic will come right along with it. The posted 25 mph speed limit is just that, a limit. There are many places throughout our community where **25 mph may be too fast** when pedestrian and bicycle traffic is heavy. Please be aware of these areas and allow the lake life to slow you down and relax. If you are walking around the lake, walk against traffic and if bicycling ride with traffic and obey traffic laws.

Please **Stay Safe on the Water!** Life jackets are at the core of safe boating, whether using a motorized or non-motorized vessel. Good swimmers still need life jackets. When people fall off a boat, they may become disoriented, injured, or unconscious. Life jackets can keep victims' heads above water so they can breathe and be rescued more easily. Every child should always wear a life jacket when boating.



We would like to remind everyone to watch for suspicious activity and report it immediately. The non-emergency number for Steuben County Communications is 260-665-3131. It does make a difference and keeps Clear Lake a safe place to live.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy summer.

Chris Emerick
Clear Lake Town Marshal

MEET THE MARSHAL

(Editor's Note: We appreciate the protection and service provided by Clear Lake Marshal Chris Emerick and his Deputies. We asked him if he could tell us a little about his background, training and experience. The next time you see Chris around the lake, let him know how glad we are to have him at Clear Lake.)

I was born and raised in DeKalb County, Indiana, whereupon graduating from Eastside Jr/Sr Highschool, I enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. After serving four years of active duty, which included a tour of duty overseas, I was honorably discharged. I moved to Steuben County in 1997 where I was hired as a deputy Marshal for the Town of Ashley, Indiana. I attended the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy graduating with honors. After a few years, with the Ashley Police Department, I was hired as a Merit Deputy for the Steuben County Sheriff's Office, where I am still currently employed.

I have risen through the ranks to include roles of a deputy, patrol Corporal, Detective Sergeant, and I currently hold the position of Detective F/Sgt. This role involves supervision of the Detective Bureau, handling all major crimes in Steuben County. Some of my other responsibilities at the Sheriff's Office include Team Leader for the Steuben County Special Response Tactical Team, firearms instructor, crash reconstructionist, crime scene investigator, active shooter instructor, clandestine laboratory investigator, forensic interviewer, and the evidence room organization. In 2007 I started teaching Crime Scene Investigation as an adjunct professor at Trine University, and still enjoy having this opportunity every spring.

In 2018, I was selected to attend the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia, graduating in class 272. The FBI National Academy is a professional course of study for U.S. and international law enforcement managers nominated by their agency heads because of demonstrated leadership qualities. The 10-week program—which provides coursework in intelligence theory, terrorism and terrorist mindsets, management science, law, behavioral science, law enforcement communication, and forensic science—serves to improve the administration of justice in police departments and agencies at home and abroad and to raise law enforcement standards, knowledge, and cooperation worldwide. Leaders and managers of state, local, county, tribal, military, federal, and international law enforcement agencies attend the FBI National Academy. Participation is by invitation only,

through a nomination process. Participants are drawn from every U.S. state and territory and from partner nations. international

I was hired by the Town of Clear Lake in 2017 as a part-time employee to serve as a Deputy Town Marshal. Shortly thereafter, I was appointed



as the Town Marshal for Clear Lake. Since becoming the Town Marshal, I have implemented several changes and updates. The most visible changes are the speed radar signs posted throughout the community. The departments' policy and procedure manuals were updated from the 2005 version, a new patrol boat was purchased to replace the previous 25-year-old boat, a less lethal program was implemented to assist with de-escalation, and additional part-time deputy marshals were hired, bringing the total to six employees to better serve the community. I am in the process of replacing the current patrol vehicle to include updating the equipment and implementing an in car/body-worn camera video system.

My wife Ashley and I reside in rural Steuben County and have three children.

FROM
OFFICE

Remember: *See Something, Say Something*

For suspicious activity or if something just doesn't look quite right,
Call Dispatch (260-665-3131) or in case of emergency, call 911.

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CLEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP LAND CONSERVANCY

The Soirée on the Water lived up to its name on June 25th and provided a magical evening to celebrate our lakes and support the Conservancy's mission. Over 200 lakers, friends and family members gathered at the Clear Lake Yacht Club to catch up on life events, enjoy delicious food, bid on silent auction items, and cheer for live auction bidders. Fundraising and attendance records were set and the good times and conversation rolled until the band, Rae of Light, played the final notes at midnight! We are grateful to the community members, generous sponsors, auction donors, and auction bidders. It was great to be with everyone!

Two key Conservancy projects are making progress over the summer and were also highlighted at the gathering. The first treatment of Eurasian watermilfoil was conducted June 1st and results are being assessed throughout the summer. The treatment went as expected. Regular updates can be found on our website www.clearlakeconservancy.org.

You can support the treatment with the purchase of a special designed T-shirt featured at the Soirée. Contact our office for details and purchase.



The Watershed Diagnostic Study was highlighted through a display at the event. Herb Manifold from Ecosystems Connections Institute was on-site to answer questions about the long-term project to gather reliable data to plan projects to keep our water clear and healthy. There was a lot of interest and many good questions.

A full line up of Knee-high Naturalist programs are planned every Friday in July. We kick off the season with music from The Dumpster Drummers on Friday, July 1st! We know it is mission critical to introduce our youngest generation to the joys and wonders of nature. We hope to see you there! RSVP through our [website](#).



What a great start to summer! We are honored with your support for our work to preserve these irreplaceable natural treasures for today and for the future.

Are you a Good Clear Lake Neighbor?

Take the quiz, circle points you earn and total your score.
Then check out your "reward."



I/We....

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| 1. <u>Pick up after my dog</u> | 4 points |
| 2. <u>Display my 2022 CLA Green Sticker</u> | 4 points |
| 3. <u>Walk facing traffic</u> | 4 points |
| 4. <u>Take out what I bring in to Kasota Island</u> | 5 points |
| 5. <u>Keep my dog(s) on a leash or confined</u> | 5 points |
| 6. <u>Don't have pets but say "thanks" to considerate pet owners</u> | 9 points |
| 7. <u>Require life jackets for children and skiers</u> | 5 points |
| 8. <u>Keep music quiet after 11:00 pm</u> | 4 points |
| 9. <u>Observe "No Wake" zones</u> | 5 points |
| 10. <u>Have enough garbage cans so lids can close</u> | 4 points |

My Total = _____

- 49 points (Perfect Score!): Go sit on dock/deck with a beverage! You deserve it.
48-43 points: Nice work! Enjoy the sunset or sunrise.
42-37 points: You're pretty thoughtful. Select a book from the Free Little Library.
36-30 points: Not bad, but room for improvement. Take a walk (facing traffic).
30 or less points: Oops! Go jump in the lake?



Clear Lake Association
Annual Membership Registration
2022

Please complete the Registration Form below and mail it with your check to:

Clear Lake Association

P.O. Box 38

Fremont, IN 46737

(Sorry, but checks cannot be dropped off at Town Hall.)

Thank you for your investment in our community!



2022 CLEAR LAKE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

(Please PRINT clearly.)

NAME(S): _____

LAKE ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: *(to receive CLA newsletter)* _____

CLA Annual Membership Dues	\$ <u> 30.00 </u>
Optional Donations:	
Fireworks Display	\$ _____
Buoy Project	\$ _____
Community Activities	\$ _____

Total \$ _____



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