



Clear Lake

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New Indiana Boating Laws

Effective July 1

On March 15, the Governor signed House Bill 1075 into law. This bill will have a significant impact on all boating on Indiana waters.

As of July 1, no motorboat may approach or pass within two hundred feet of the shore unless at idle speed. The exceptions are only for trolling or approaching/leaving a dock. This will make the accurate placement of swim buoys even more important this year. The Town Council is studying the feasibility of placing swim buoys around the island to help in the compliance with this law.

Also effective on this date there must be a U S Coast Guard approved Type I, II or III personal flotation device in the boat for each occupant. In addition, for all boats at least sixteen feet in length there must be at least one Type IV personal flotation device in the boat.

Anyone operating, riding-on or being towed by a personal watercraft must be wearing a Type I or II personal flotation device as of July 1, 2000.

All USCG Type I, II, and III personal flotation devices are wearable vests. The type difference is based on the amount of buoyancy provided and the vest's ability to keep the wearers face out of the water. A Type I vest provides the most buoyancy (twenty-two pounds) and

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From the Police Blotter

In January vandals struck in the area surrounding Clear Lake and within the Town. Tires were slashed on parked vehicles and mailboxes were vandalized. Mailboxes were also used to break windows on two structures. Marshal Dick Lehman participated in the investigation with both the Michigan State Police and the Steuben County Sheriff's Department. Suspects were questioned, but at this time no arrests have been made.

Building Improvement Permits

Construction in the Town of Clear Lake requires a town building permit before obtaining county and Board of Health permits. The town Zoning Inspector, Dick Lehman, issues Building Improvement Permits. Dick is available at the Town Hall every Saturday from 9:00am to noon. He can also be reached at 219-495-9620.

If your building proposal contains an exception to the Clear Lake building ordinances, your plans must either be changed or be presented to the Clear Lake Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) for review. Preliminary plans must be to the BZA two weeks prior to the meeting. A public notice must also be published two weeks prior to the meeting.

Plans need to show all dimensions, elevations and location of the structure on the property. Failure to provide this information will result in tabling the variance request until the next regularly scheduled meeting which is held every three months.

The Board of Zoning Appeals meetings for this year are scheduled to be held at the Town Hall on June 19, September 18 and December 4. All meetings start at 7:00pm.

Please contact Dick Lehman at the town hall for additional information.

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will turn most unconscious wearers face-up in the water. Type II vests (usually orange and foam filled) provide fifteen and a half pounds of buoyancy and will turn many unconscious wearers face-up in the water. Most water skiing vests are Type III, which provide fifteen and a half pounds of buoyancy and are the most comfortable for extended wear. After July 1, 2000 Type III will not be legal for personal watercraft usage. The Type IV's are a throwable devices such as cushions and ring buoys. All flotation devices must display their Coast Guard rating type. For full details of this bill go to <http://www.state.in.us/legislative/bills/2000/HE/HE1075.1.html>

Please check your vests and take appropriate action so you can comply with this new law.

As a reminder, to operate a personal watercraft in Indiana, a person must be at least fifteen years of age, have completed a boater education course and have an ID card issued by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

Last summer we had several swim buoys damaged by watercraft. If you see anyone damaging a buoy or if your buoy is damaged and needs to be replaced, please contact one of the Town Council members.

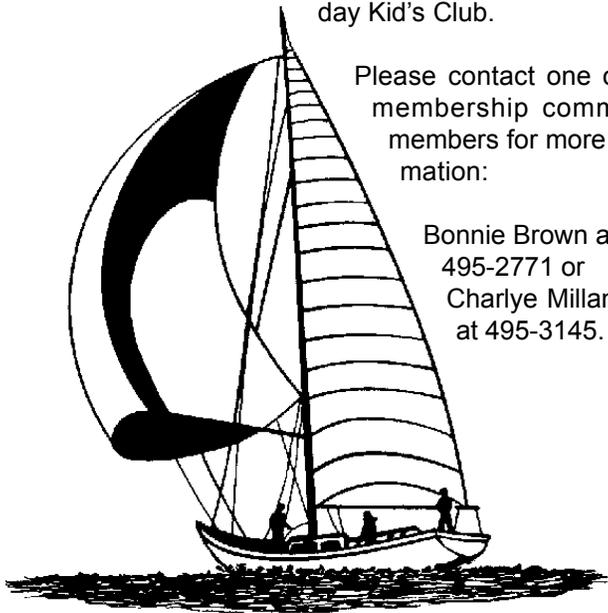
PLEASE be sure and tell your guests and renters about these new laws!

Clear Lake Yacht Club

The Clear Lake Yacht Club would like to invite all Clear Lake families to join the club. Activities include sailing, skiing, tennis and social events including parties, dances and dinners. Special programs are available for youth sailing, skiing and a Friday Kid's Club.

Please contact one of the membership committee members for more information:

Bonnie Brown at 495-2771 or Charlye Millan at 495-3145.



Clear Lake Ski Club

The first meeting for the Clear Lake Ski Club will be Saturday, May 27 at 12:00 P.M. at the Yacht Club. The Ski Club will be having several activities this summer and would like to encourage you all to join. Dates for the May, June, and early July meetings and dances are:

- May 27 - Meeting - 12:00pm
- May 28 - Dance 6-13 year olds - 6:00-8:00pm
- Dance 13-18 year olds - 8:30-11:00pm
- June 10- Meeting - 10:00am
- June 24- Meeting - 10:00am
- June 27- Dance 6-13 year olds - 6:00-8:00pm
- Dance 13-18 year olds - 8:30-11:00pm
- July 1 - Meeting - 10:00am
- Dance after the fireworks - 9:30-11:30pm

Information about all Clear Lake Ski Club activities will be posted at the Yacht Club.

Wastewater Committee Activities

The committee hopes that you have received your copy of the "Fourth Report" of its activities in a separate mailing and have returned the questionnaire and diagram to the Town Hall. Here is a summary of the major activities of the committee.

In February, representatives of the Committee met with the Fremont Town Council and explained our intent to construct a private sewage line to Fremont and to utilize the Fremont disposal plant. The Fremont Town Council agreed with this proposal. The Clear Lake and Fremont town attorneys are drafting an inter-municipal agreement.

The Committee has selected Commonwealth Engineers as the project engineers. Three of the six firms solicited, submitted completed documentation that the committee requested in January. These three firms were interviewed and rated on eight criteria. We are looking forward to working with Commonwealth on our project.

A general public meeting will be held on Saturday, May 27 at 9:00am at the Fremont High School. Please plan to attend this meeting to hear all of the details and timetable for our project.

Trash Pickup Schedule

In past years there have been numerous complaints from property owners that they were not aware of the "Special" trash pick-up days for Clear Lake. To try and improve this service we have scheduled all "Special" Pick-Ups on MONDAYS, the same day as the regular pick-up. Here is the schedule for 2000:

Regular Pickup

Every Monday of the year except for these Holidays:

Memorial Day, May 29

Pickup will be on Tuesday the 30th

Labor Day, September 4

Pickup will be on Tuesday the 5th

Christmas Day, December 25

Pick-up will be on Tuesday the 26th

Reminder: Indiana law prohibits the pick-up of grass clippings and yard waste (see next item).

Yard Waste Pickup

The collection of yard waste is scheduled for the following Mondays:

May 8 - June 5 - July 10 - August 7

September 11 - October 9 - November 6

Heavy Trash Pickup

All items must be placed in a container, bagged or bundled and will be picked up on Monday, May 15 and Monday, September 18. The following items will NOT be picked up:

Oil based Paints

Anti-freeze

Auto Fluids

Fertilizers

Lead Acid

Batteries

Tires

Used Oil

Explosives

Fire Extinguishers

Radioactive Materials

Compressed Gas

Concrete

Asphalt

Liquids

Chemicals

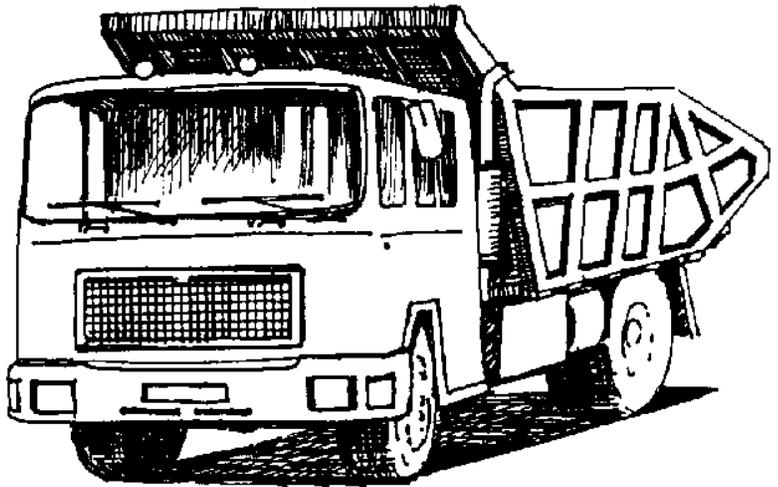
Hazardous Waste

Closed Containers

Yard Waste

Appliances containing freon

Trees and Bushes



Reminders

The Clear Lake Town Council meetings are held the second Monday of every month at the Town Hall starting at 7:00pm. All property owners are invited to attend.

More than thirty people have agreed to receive the "Clear Lake News" by email. If you would like to receive yours via email and help reduce costs, just send a message to: azbrown@dmci.net

Please remember to notify Clerk-Treasurer Frank Nye of any changes in your address or telephone number for either your lake property or your permanent residence. Frank can be reached at 219-495-9158 or by email at: clearlake@dmci.net. Snail mail should be sent to 122 Outer Drive Clear Lk, Fremont, IN 46737-9513.

As a part of your Spring Clean Up, do not forget to trim any bushes, shrubs, or trees that are close to the roads. Property owners are responsible for keeping the right of way clear and safe.

Garbage bills will be mailed in early May. Your prompt payment will be appreciated.

The Clear Lake Association has increased its budget by 60% for the Millennium fireworks show from the island, scheduled for July 1 around 9:00pm.

The Clear Lake Lions Club aluminum can recycling collection area is located on the northeast corner of the S & S Property Maintenance & Construction building at 6930 N 875 E. All cans should be placed in plastic bags.

Residents must show proof of freon removal from refrigerators by a certified technician.

Recycling Pick-up

Newspapers, plastic, glass, cardboard and other recyclable items will be picked up on May 22, June 19, July 24, August 21, September 25 and October 23. The recycling bags are not yet available, but these materials need to be separated from your other trash.

Items should be set out by 6:00am every Monday. These dates will also be on the calendars included with the "Clear Lake News".

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Happenings

Clear Lake has a very special new resident... an EAGLE. The eagle has been repeatedly sighted during the past two months. Look for it around the island, the public boat ramp and the public beach area.

The ice left the lake on February 27 but we are still waiting for the first water skiers.

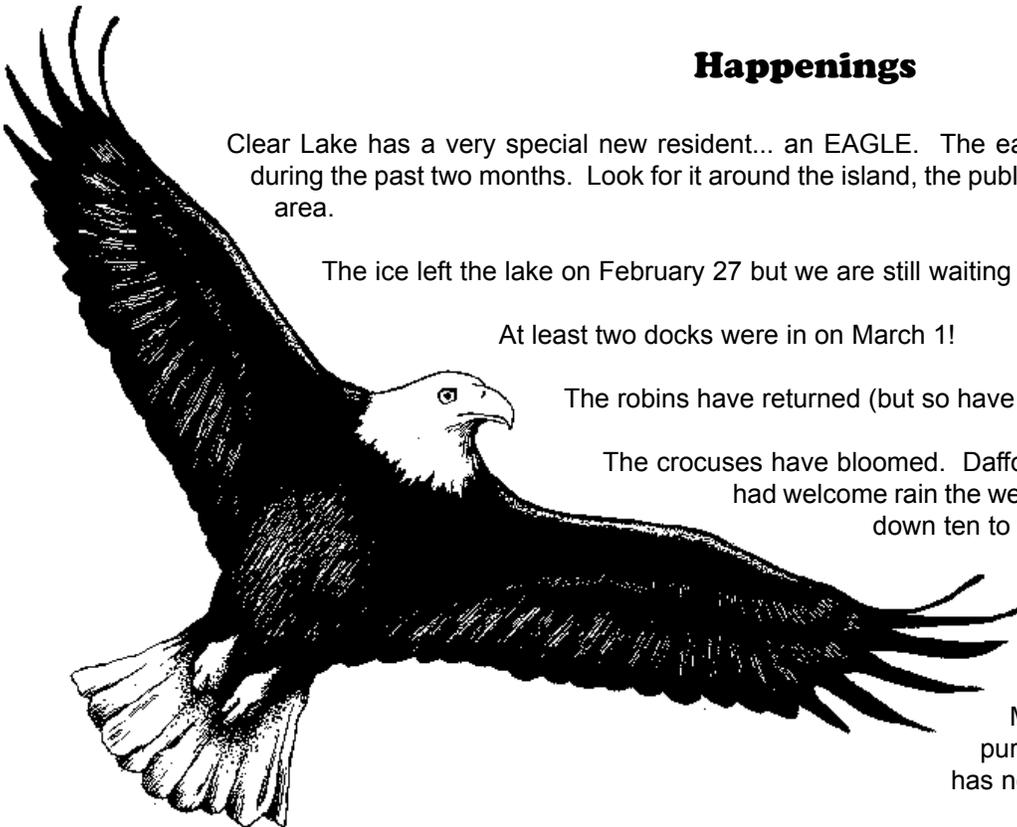
At least two docks were in on March 1!

The robins have returned (but so have the geese and ducks).

The crocuses have bloomed. Daffodils are up but not in bloom. We had welcome rain the week of March 20, but the lake still is down ten to twelve inches.

It was seventy-seven degrees one day, but a week later it snowed!

More than one new snowmobile, purchased late in the season, still has not been off the trailer.



April 2000

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3 Plan Commission Meeting	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Town Council Meeting	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Waste Water Meeting
23/30	24	25	26	27	28	29

May 2000

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Town Council Meeting Yard Waste Pickup	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Heavy Trash Pickup	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Recycling Pickup	23	24	25	26	27 Public Sewer Mtg Clear Lake Lion's Club Chicken BBQ Ski Club Meeting
28 Ski Club Dance	29 Memorial Day No Trash Pickup	30 Trash Pickup	31			

Meeting Locations & Times

PLEASE NOTE: All times are Indiana Time

- Wastewater Committee: 11am - St. Paul's Church
- Town Council: 7pm at Clear Lake Town Hall
- Plan Commission: 7pm at Clear Lake Town Hall
- Ski Club Meeting: 12pm at Yacht Club
- Ski Club Dance (Age 6-13): 6-8pm at Yacht Club
- Ski Club Dance (Age 13-18): 8:30-11pm at Yacht Club
- Public Sewer Meeting: 9am at Fremont High School

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June 2000

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5 Yard Waste Pickup	6	7	8	9	10 Ski Club Meeting
11	12 Town Council Meeting	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Board of Zoning Appeals Recycling Pickup	20	21	22	23	24 Ski Club Meeting
25	26	27 Ski Club Dance	28	29	30	

July 2000

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Clear Lake Lion's Club Chicken BBQ Ski Club Meeting Fireworks Ski Club Dance
2	3	4 Independence Day	5 Plan Commission Meeting	6	7	8
9	10 Town Council Meeting Yard Waste Pickup	11	12	13	14	15 Clear Lake Association Annual Meeting
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- Ski Club Dance (July 1): 9:30-11:30am at Yacht Club
- Clear Lake Association: 10am - St. Paul's Church
- Fireworks: 9am (approximate)

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