



Clear Lake

NEWS

July - September 2002

WELCOME

Hi Lakers:

Our spring has been very unusual weather-wise; cold and rainy, hot, and then cold and rainy. I wish we could send some of the rain to Colorado! The lake turned over and cleaned itself very late this year.

The summer season has started and boat traffic has picked up. If you are responsible for a swim buoy and it is not in the water yet, please position it as soon as possible. Thanks in advance for your help.

Sewer activity is taking place all around the lake and has not created many problems. We should have an active wastewater system by this time next year.

On behalf of the Clear Lake Town Council have a safe and fun summer.

Bob Troll
President
Clear Lake Town Council



SEWER PROJECT UPDATE

Construction of the Clear Lake Sewer system is progressing steadily. Approximately 40 % of the mainline sewers around the lake are in the ground. A lot of work remains on the grinder pump and service line installations. The force main to Fremont has been partially laid; however, spring rains have slowed construction along highway 120.

All grinder pump locations have been staked. If you have questions about the location of your stake, you can contact Mark Sullivan at 800-289-1177 or if you want to review the location in person on your property, you can contact Mark Field at 260-495-4545. Both individuals work for Commonwealth Engineers and will be happy to assist you.

During the week of June 10th, the first grinder pumps were installed. Please note that digging will occur on your property to install the grinder pump. The Contractor will ultimately re-grade and grass seed any areas disturbed by the tank installation. During a brief period after installation, dirt may be mounded around the tank to allow for settlement. We anticipate the installation of the grinder pumps to continue through the end of the year. If your tank is installed in the late fall or winter, your yard will be grass seeded in the spring. The Contractor is required to return your property to the same condition prior to construction. We would ask for your continued patience and allow the Contractor time to perform his duties. If you become dissatisfied or have questions, please call one of the numbers listed above.

The spring rains have slowed the project somewhat, however, the project remains close to schedule. We are hoping the upcoming winter is as mild as the last, to keep everything moving towards completion.

Again, thank-you for your patience and cooperation.

Sincerely,
Commonwealth Engineers, Inc.
Mark Sullivan, P.E.
Project Manager

STEBEN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT REQUESTS OF TOWN COUNCIL

Mr. Thomas D. Friend, Chief Environmental Health Specialist has sent a letter requesting that the Clear Lake Town Council provide information as to when the sewer project will be completed and operational. With this information the Steuben County Health Department will be able to process construction applications.

Commonwealth Engineers, Geiger Construction and your Town Council are working to establish a realistic sewer project completion/operational date to send to Mr. Friend. This response will be posted on the Town of Clear Lake website (www.townofclearlake.org) as soon as it is sent.

As an aid to property owners and their contractors contemplating building projects we are publishing Mr. Friend's letter for your information. Do not forget that a Town of Clear Lake Building Permit must be issued before the Board of Health or Steuben County permits.

To: Town of Clear Lake
122 Outer Drive-Clear Lake
Fremont, IN 46737

Dear Town Council Members,

I am wishing to make contact with you regarding your sewer project. I need you, the project engineers, the Construction Company, and the sewer board as applicable to define a completion date or operational date, of the sewer project.

As you can guess, with the breaking of ground you started in March, and the seasonal warm weather we are experiencing in April, the property owners at Clear Lake are wanting to start their building projects. We are hearing that the sewer project will be completed by August of this year to March 2003. As you know I can not go by heresay or the rumor mill. I need your help and the other parties help so that I have accurate information from an authoritative source regarding these dates.

At the time I receive this project completion or operational date then my office will back date to a time for construction purposes. I would like something in writing from all parties to a contract date for completion. In the past, with other sewer projects this office has granted a "Window of Opportunity" for structural changes on the properties that might otherwise be restricted by present septic systems and codes. Once I have a completion date then and only then will I back date for construction purposes. This does not imply that all construction will be granted, nor does it imply that none will be allowed. Each property will be looked at on a case by case basis on the merits of each property. I am hoping to open the window six months from the

projected time of completion you and your parties give me. Hence, this project completion date is important.

Each situation will be reviewed on a case by case basis with all normal permits and procedures required. We will not allow construction over the existing septic tank or system, but the 10-foot setback requirement will be waived. This will only be allowed during this window of opportunity and not before. The normal 5-foot setback requirements from the well casing will remain in place.

In reviewing each property my office will require a scaled site plan/drawing and floor plans/additions. This drawing will need to show new sewer tap and grinder tank locations. We will also require a letter from your sewer district or authorized agent that you have 1st reviewed the prints and any restrictions you may have placed as to setbacks from grinder units and transmission lines. There may be some cases that restrictions remain in place until actual sewer tap and activation is made, such as a delay in issuance of the occupancy permit. Under no circumstances will occupancy occur with a non-functioning well or sewer system. My office will not be inclined favorably, to pump and haul situations. An operational sewage system is the key.

I would ask your help in explaining this information to the property owners at Clear Lake. I would also request that this information be forwarded to them through your help as well. I am asking that contact be established through my office for an appointment before property owners come up for permits, as we will need time to conduct our review. Our phone number is (260) 668-1000, Ext. 1500. Property owners, and contractors must be patient in the review process, since we will be trying to recall many situations that have already been discussed and looking at new situations, along with our normal routine.

Sincerely,
Thomas D. Friend
Chief Environmental Health Specialist





WHERE WERE YOU ON JANUARY 31, 2002?

Those of us here at Clear Lake woke up to find everything covered with as much as 2 inches of ice. Limbs and trees were crashing to the ground making being outside extremely hazardous. Most of the properties around the Lake lost power Thursday at about 7:30 am until Saturday evening about 6:00 pm. Some power was not restored until Tuesday afternoon. During this period the temperature in many properties dropped below freezing for several hours. It could have been worse but it warmed up to 38 degrees!

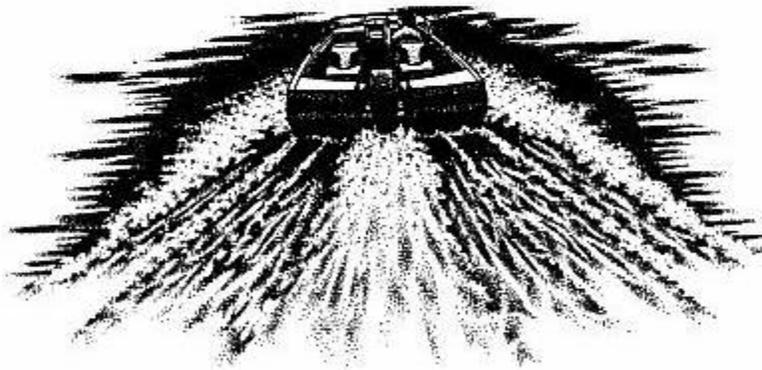
The NIPSCO and REMC line crews did a remarkable job quickly restoring service but the area affected by the ice storm covered several Northern Indiana counties.

This event illustrates again the need for the town and perhaps one of your neighbors to have your emergency contact information. You may update your emergency contact information at the Town of Clear Lake website www.townoclearlake.org, click on "Owner Information",

fill out the document and click on "Submit" or by calling (495-9158), writing, or stopping by to see Frank Nye, Clerk Treasurer at the Town Hall, 122 Outer Drive-Clear Lake, Fremont, IN 46737. "Thank You" to a number of property owners who have already updated their information!

Here are some other ideas for protecting your property:

- Leave a key with one of the year round residents
- Tell this person whether your heat is on or off and whether your pipes have been drained or not
- Leave a small light burning in a window visible from the street so the Marshal, residents, and/or the utility company can see if your power is off.
- Empty your refrigerators and freezers.
- Employ someone to periodically check your property.



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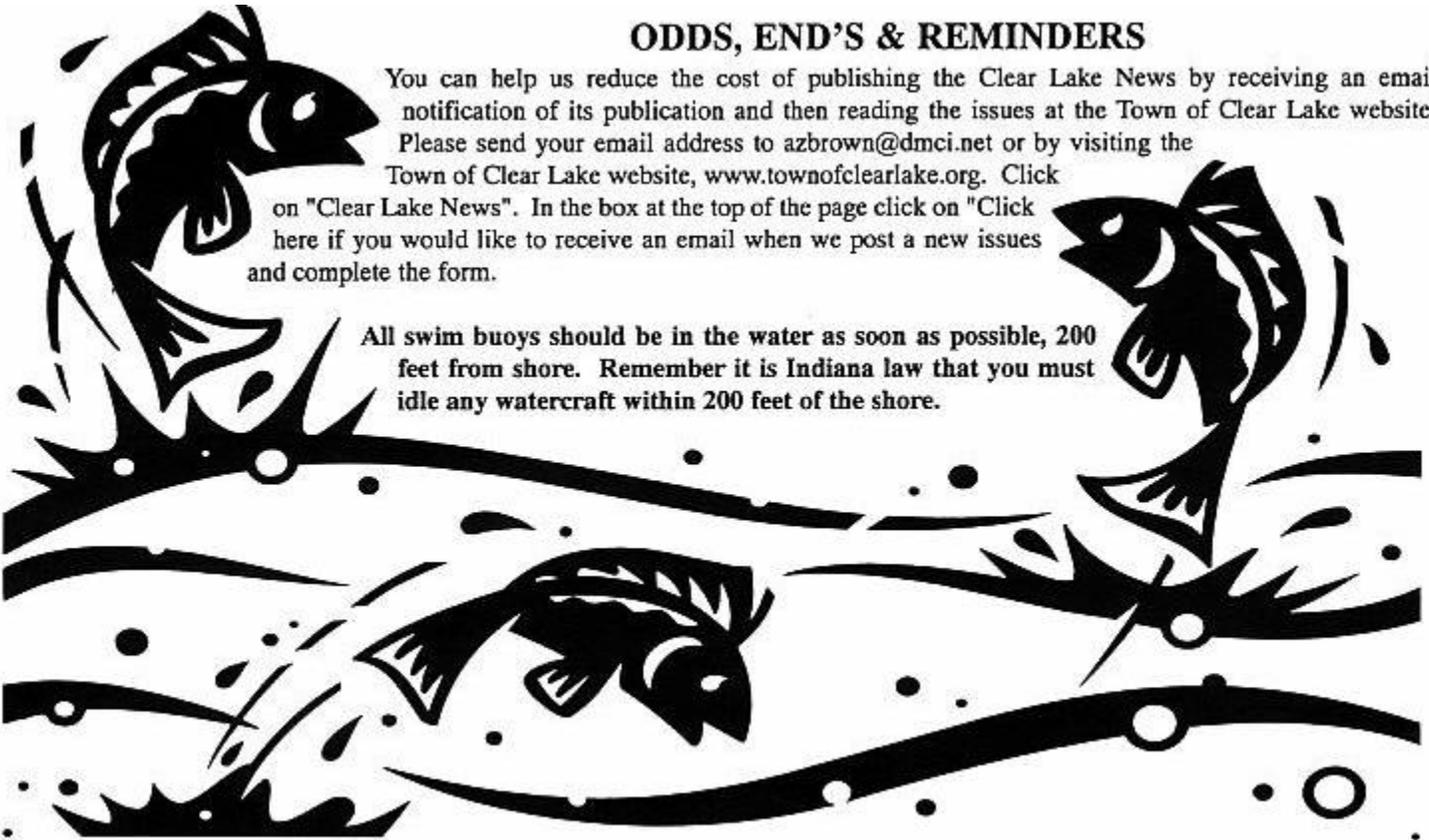
After two years of financial and production sponsorship, John & Karen Barrett of Hansbarger Realty are passing the Clear Lake News sponsorship to the Clear Lake Association. We appreciate all of their support and assistance.

In addition to this new sponsorship the Clear Lake Association continues its support of swim buoy purchases, road improvements, the Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy, the Clear Lake Endowment Fund, the

Clear Lake Ski Club, the Clear Lake Lion's Club, the Fremont Fire Department, Crime Stoppers and the Humane Shelter and of course the annual 4th of July fireworks show.

If you are not a member of the Clear Lake Association please contact Arnold Tonne, President, P.O. Box 38, Fremont, IN 46737 or call Karen Hughes 495-9215.

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All swim buoys should be in the water as soon as possible, 200 feet from shore. Remember it is Indiana law that you must idle any watercraft within 200 feet of the shore.