



Clear Lake

NEWS

October - December 2002

Greetings

Hi Lakers:

It certainly has been a great season to be at Clear Lake. It is hard to believe that fall has begun, but all you have to do is to look at how many boats and docks have already been removed from the lake. Don't forget if you are responsible for a swim buoy to please take it out.

The Clear Lake Town Council needs a resident to volunteer to serve as our representative on the Fremont Fire Department council. The council meets quarterly at the Fremont Fire Hall. If you would be interested in serving please contact the Council at 495-9158 and leave information on how we may contact you.

To all of you, have a great fall and joyous holiday season.

Bob Troll
President
Clear Lake Town Council

Sewer Project Update

Construction of the Clear Lake Sewer system is progressing steadily. Approximately 90% of the mainline sewers around the lake are in the ground. Over 200 out of the proposed 400 grinder pumps have been installed. The force main to Fremont has been laid to the eastern edge of Fremont. The project is on schedule; however, the Contractor is continuing to work hard before winter sets in and slows the construction progress.

Much time has been spent with the Town Council in the last few weeks to develop the procedures for hooking up your residence to the new sewer system once it is complete. We must stress, **no one** will be permitted to hook onto the system until the entire new system is complete. We have had several requests to hook on early, "but not use the new line, until it is available". We cannot permit this as it will interfere with the Contractor's testing of the system. The system does not belong to the Town until all construction, testing and start-up of the system is complete. Currently, it is projected that the system will be available in May or June 2003.

You will be notified, in writing, when the system is available for use. At that time, you will receive detailed instructions on the requirements to hook onto the system. Following, however, is an overview of how the procedure will work and the materials that must be used for connecting to the new system:

1. Prior to performing any work to connect your property to the new system, the property owner must obtain a permit from the Town Hall. You will be notified by certified mail when the process of obtaining permits will begin; however, expect this to occur next May to June.

The purpose of the permit is to gather information from you confirming billing address, a sketch of your proposed route of connection and your proposed contractor doing the work. If you do not have a contractor, the Town will have a list of qualified contractors to choose from. At the time you obtain your permit, the Town will provide you with

the written specifications of how the connections are to be made. You will be required to follow the specifications and the Town will inspect and approve the connection prior to the work being backfilled.

It is important that the work be conducted in accordance with the specifications and inspected to insure that the system is as watertight as possible. Ground and surface water cannot be permitted to enter the system as it will impact the system capacity. Furthermore, the Town must pay for every gallon of water from the sewer system that is treated by the Town of Fremont. Ground and surface water will greatly increase these charges and ultimately increase your sewer bills, if not controlled. Additionally, roof drains, sump pumps, area drains and other sources of rainwater will not be permitted to be connected to the new sewer system.

2. All contractors performing the work must be trained by Environment One grinder pump personnel. This is important to keep the integrity of the grinder pump system. The contractors must understand the important “do’s and don’ts” when connecting to the system. E-One will train private contractors at no cost.
3. All existing facilities, such as septic tanks, must be abandoned after the connection to the new system is complete. Septic tanks must be cleaned and filled with sand or gravel pursuant to State Health Codes. The tanks may also be crushed and backfilled or entirely removed. You will not be required to remove the “finger system”.
4. The pipe used for sewer connections must be PVC SDR-26 with rubber “O” ring joints. This pipe is required, due to the close proximity of private wells. This pipe has pressure rated joints that insure tight connections, protecting the integrity

of the water wells and also keeping out ground and surface water. It is recommended that the service lateral from the house to the new grinder pump be constructed new using the pipe noted above. Existing service laterals will be permitted only if the property owner can demonstrate the line meets the above specification and is watertight. Watertightness must be proven by use of a low pressure air test procedure.

5. Upon the successful completion of the work noted above, the Town’s inspector will approve the work and provide you with written documentation of the approval. At that time, you may begin using the sewer system.

If you have questions, you can contact Mark Sullivan at 800-289-1177. If you would like to review any construction questions on-site or in person on your property, you can contact Mark Field at 260-495-4545. Both individuals work for Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. and will be happy to assist you.

Again, thank you for your patience and cooperation.

Mark Sullivan, P.E.
Project Manager
Commonwealth Engineers

Editors Note: These procedures and specifications, and other requirements will be included in the Town’s Sewer Use Ordinance which will be enacted in the next few months.

Clear Lake Association

The Clear Lake Association had another wonderful July this summer with beautiful fireworks, an outstanding boat parade, and a well attended annual meeting. The boat parade winners were:

Creative Category: Barth’s, #770, with the Paddleboat.

Humorous Category: Norton's. 722, with the SS Minnow

Patriotic Category: Billing's, #1228 with the Tank.

Winter residents should start planning to attire their homes and property in Yule time lights and decorations. Judging for this contest will take place between December 21st and 29th. Check out www.clearlakein.org/fun for pictures and names of the winners in January.

Karen Hughes
Secretary/Treasurer

Clear Lake-Round Lake Bridge

The proposed bridge issue is to be decided by the Steuben County Commissioners at their regular meeting on October 18, 2002. Their decision will be posted on the Town's website at www.townofclearlake.org.

Yacht Club

The Clear Lake Yacht Club offers free membership to first time homeowners on Clear Lake. If you buy a cottage on the lake this year, you are eligible for a free membership, including sailing and tennis. Contact Tereasa Gay at 495-3971 for more information.

The Yacht Club hosts "Open to the Public" nights once monthly. If you think you might be interested in joining next summer, attend one of these evenings to see how you like it. You may join as a social member, or add tennis or sailing to that membership. Ski Club is an excellent way for kids to meet other kids their own ages. If they do not already ski, the other ski club kids will teach them. For our newsletter and event calendars, log onto www.clearlakeyachtclub.org.

Julie Zachrich, Editor

Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy, Inc. Fall 2002

This summer has been good for Clear Lake. We have received generous donations from those who want to preserve the pristine water quality

we enjoy, along with purchasing "buffer zones" to mitigate future development.

One individual, through his estate, is donating 12 acres of land to our 501(c)(3) organization. Lawyer John Schenkel is helping us to get this done so this land will be protected forever.

We have optimistic goals for further acquisitions next year. With the stock market the way it is, CLTLC would be delighted to accept any depreciated securities that would be tax advantageous and deductible for you.

Be sure and visit our website at www.clearlakeconservancy.org; it shows great aerial photographs of Clear Lake, which are a unique holiday gift that helps a good cause. Call me at 260.495.2392 if you have any questions.

Thank you for all of your support.

Paul Federspiel, President

Town of Clear Lake Website

There have been several enhancements to the website, www.townofclearlake.org.

You may now send email to all of the council members by clicking on "Contact Us". The next screen will allow you to send an *Easy Message* to the Council, or the Clerk-Treasurer, or the Town Marshal. Please be aware that Indiana Code requires that messages become a part of the public record including your identification as sender of the message.

A "Public Notice" page has been added for the posting of meeting times and locations.

Don't forget to use the "Owner Information" page to update your lake, residence or emergency information. You can also update your preferred method for delivery of the *Clear Lake News*. Help us reduce costs by requesting email notification of the *News* availability. In addition you may contact the Town Hall to update any of your Owner Information.

Important Dates

October

- 7th -Clear Lake Plan Commission, 7:00 pm, Clear Lake Town Hall
- 12th -Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy, 9:00 am, St Paul Catholic Chapel
- 14th -Town Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, St. Paul Catholic Chapel
- 18th -Steuben County Commissioners, 8:00 am, 317 S. Wayne, Angola

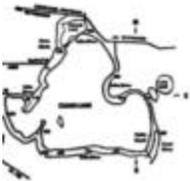
November

- 5th -ELECTION DAY, 6:00 am to 6:00 pm, St. Paul Catholic Chapel
- 11th -Town Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, St. Paul Catholic Chapel

December

- 9th -Town Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, St. Paul Catholic Chapel
- 16th -Board of Zoning Appeals, 7:00 pm, Clear Lake Town Hall
- 21st-29th -Holiday Decoration judging by the Clear Lake Association

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