



Clear Lake

NEWS

April - June 2003

GREETINGS

Hi Lakers:

Well here it is the start of spring and we are having showers. The red-wing blackbirds and many other migratory birds are back.

With spring showers we have muddy roads around the lake. We ask for your patience with the road conditions. Geiger Construction (our sewer contractor) and other contractors are required to keep this mud to a minimum. If you find any problems with the sewer construction on your property please report it to the construction trailer at 260-495-4545.

Thanks again for your cooperation.

Robert Troll, President
Clear Lake Town Council



Clerk/Treasurer Announces Retirement

Mr. Frank Nye, the Town of Clear Lake Clerk/Treasurer has announced that he is retiring from his position effective April 30, 2003. Frank was appointed to this position in June of 1998 and was elected to this position in November of 1998.

We would like to thank Frank for his service to the Town of Clear Lake and wish him well in his retirement.

Frank's replacement will be appointed as soon as possible. An announcement will be made at the Council meeting and will be posted on the Town's website.

Zoning Inspectors Hours

Mr. Richard Lehman, the Town of Clear Lake Zoning Inspector will be available every Saturday from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon at the Town Hall.

During this time building permit applications will be accepted. All applications will be processed as quickly as possible, but Indiana State Law does allow up to two weeks for these applications to be approved.

Stauben County must also issue a building permit before construction can begin.

Sewer Project Update

Construction of the Clear Lake Sewer system is progressing. The mainline sewers around the lake are in the ground. The Contractor is coupling the mainlines and installing valves. Slightly over 20 of the grinder pumps are left to be installed. The primary work to complete is the connection of the grinder pumps to the mainline, the completion of the electrical service lines and the connection of the force main to Fremont. The final piece of work will be testing and start-up of the system.

Much time has been spent with the Town Council to develop the procedures for hooking up your residence to the new sewer system, once it is complete. We must again 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.

You will be notified, in writing by certified mail, when the system is available for use. In the mailing 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 will 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 or owner's agent (contractor), must obtain a permit from the Town Hall. The procedure, location and times for obtaining the permit will be contained in the certified mailing. There will be a cost for obtaining the permit of \$100. The permit cost will cover the expense of hiring a local inspector to oversee the connections, inspection costs associated

with the electrical charged by the county and mailing and administrative costs.

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. 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 surcharge 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 on private laterals for property owners must be trained by Environment One grinder pump personnel and registered with the Town. This is being done to ensure that quality watertight connections are made to protect the overall integrity of the system. This will also help property owners to have a list of quality contractors to choose from and to help weed out "fly by night" companies. 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. Anyone interested in performing the private construction work should notify the Town and attend a training session. Training sessions will be held:

Friday, April 25, 2003-1:00 pm-5:00 pm
 Saturday, April 26, 2003-8:00 am-12:00 pm
 Saturday, May 3, 2003-12:00 pm-5:00 pm

All training sessions will be held at the St. Paul Catholic Chapel.

Following is a list of the Contractors which have currently expressed interest in attending the training sessions:

Name	Location	Telephone
Crawford Excavating	Fremont, Indiana	(260) 495-9237
M & C Trenching	Fremont, Indiana	(260) 495-3930
TR's Excavating	Wolcottville, Indiana	(260) 351-4147
Dave Dilts Construction, Inc.	Angola, Indiana	(260) 665-98426
Excavating, Inc.	Pleasant Lake, Indiana	(260) 475-5006
Jim Day 3 States Excavating	Fremont, Indiana	(260) 495-9330
CPS Piping	Nettle Lake, Ohio	(419) 633-2777
Albright Contractors	Angola, Indiana	(260) 668-8719
Alternative Underground	Allen, Michigan	(800) 307-3905
Hale Heating and Plumbing, Inc.	Angola, Indiana	(260) 833-3233
Watermark Irrigation Systems	Charlotte, N.Carollna	(704) 655-2558
Holman Excavating	Angola, Indiana	(260) 665-6602
K & H Construction	Fort Wayne, Indiana	(260) 490-7381
Gerke Plumbing & Heating	Fort Wayne, Indiana	(260) 747-7458

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. The pipe has pressure rated joints and insures tight connections, protecting the integrity of the water wells and also keeping out ground and surface water. It is required 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.

Sincerely,

Mark Sullivan
 Commonwealth Engineers



CLEAR LAKE ASSOCIATION

The Clear Lake Association will be holding their annual meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 19 at St. Paul Catholic Chapel. Everyone is welcome to join us for this informative meeting.

The annual membership msiler will be sent out in May. Please send your dues and donations to Clear Lake Association, P.O. Box 38, Fremont, IN 46737. The Association will be selling wood relief picture of Clear Lake starting in May. You may view these pictures at the town hall.

If you are interested in town news visit www.townofclearlake.org and if you need information about other organizations activities, as well as the weather forecast and pictures of the lake, visit www.clearlakefun.org

The Clear Lake Association will again give Fremont's Fire Department a donation. This department processes our Fourth of July fireworks permit and serves Clear Lake in case of emergencies. The Steuben County Underwater Rescue and Recovery Team (SCURT) will also receive support to purchase special dry suits.

The 2003 Forth of July Boat Parade will start at 2:00 pm on Saturday July 5. Boats entering the parade are asked to meet and line up at 1:50 pm in front of the Yacht Club. The boats will proceed around the lake in a clockwise direction. This year's awards will be given out in three categories: creative, humorous and patriotic. Please join us for the fun.

The Clear Lake fireworks will be on Saturday evening July 5, weather permitting. (The alternate date is July 12) The fireworks show will begin sometime between 9:15 and 9:30 pm.

The Association will continue to work to accomplish your requests.

Thank you

For additional information about the Association and its activities, please contact Karen Hughes, 495-9215

POWHATTAN BAY SUIT

On March 3, 2003 Judge Allen N. Wheat of the Steuben Circuit Court ruled that the Town of Clear Lake "shall grant preliminary plat approval for the proposed subdivision submitted to it by Hansbarger and to be known as Powhattan Bay".

At the April 7th Clear lake Plan Commission meeting the Commission will be required to approve this proposed development.

FYI

✓ The snow and wind of winter has damaged many trees and shrubs around the lake. Property owners are reminded that it is their responsibility to clear all limbs that encroach on road right of ways. Thanks for your help.

✓ The Clear Lake Lions Club has a NEW 20' X 40' white tent for rent. They also have a 20' X 20' white tent and the striped 20' X 40' tent.

✓ Heavy trash pick-up dates for 2003 are June 7 and September 13.

✓ Be sure and visit the Town's website at www.townofclearlake.org for updates between editions of the News.

✓ The Clear lake Association provides the funds to print and mail the Clear Lake News. You can help reduce this expense by signing up to receive an email notification of the News publication and viewing the News on the Town website. The website has an easy form to complete and send to be added to the email list.

✓ Don't be surprised if you do not receive a

property tax bill for your May payment. Property reassessment in Indiana is way behind schedule. Also the state's actual income is way below projections and the funds available to cities and counties is being drastically reduced. All of this means that the Town will be very restricted in its spending.

✓ The lake had from 24 to 30 inches of ice during February. Many cars, trucks, ATV's and snowmobiles were on the ice. It seems to be the consensus opinion that it has been about 20 years since we had ice thick enough to support cars and trucks.

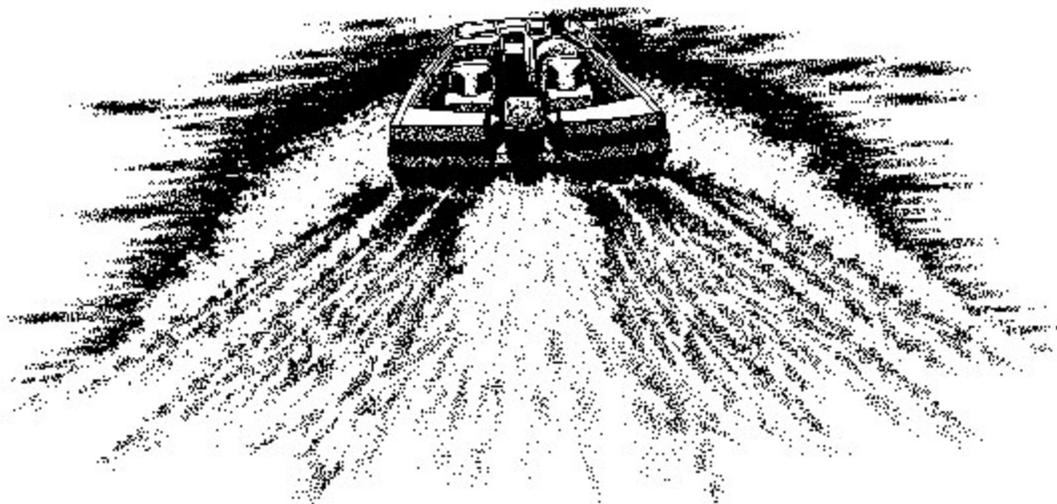
Reminder For Sailboat Owners

Under Title 6 of the Indiana Code, all sailboats are required to display excise tax decals. There has been confusion amongst the owners of some of the smaller sailboats (Sunfish, etc.) as to whether this statute applied to them. The statute applies to all sailboats regardless of size. Only sailboats owned by a tax exempt entity are exempt from this statute. If you feel that your sailboat falls under the tax exempt classification, please contact the Bureau of Motor Vehicles for verification.

Sergeant Bill Snyder of the DNR advises that the decals must be placed in accordance with the state regulations. The regulations state that a decal shall be placed on each side of the hull of the sailboat. There was erroneous information given to some people last year in regards to the placement of these decals.

If you have further questions please contact the DNR district office in Fort Wayne at 260-424-0807 or Marshal Lehman at the Town Hall 260-495-9620.

**Have a
SAFE
boating
season!**



April 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Plan Commission 7 p.m. (Town Hall)	8	9	10	11	12 Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy Meeting 9:00 a.m. (St. Paul Catholic Chapel)
13	14 Recycle Pick-up Town Council Meeting 7 p.m. (Town Hall)	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 "Clean-up Krocows Pond Day" 9:00 a.m. @ Lutheran Church
27	28	29	30			

May 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Recycle Pick-up Town Council Meeting 7 p.m. (St. Paul Catholic Chapel)	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 Yacht Club TUIII 6 p.m.	24 Lodge Club Chicken Barbecue 7 p.m. (Across from Lutheran Church)
25 Ski Club Dance 6 - 8 p.m. grade 2-7 8:30-11:00 p.m. grades 8-12, 8th graders invited to either time	26	27	28	29	30	31

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June 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Heavy Truck Pick-up
8	9 Town Council Meeting 7 p.m. (St. Paul Catholic Chapel)	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Board of Zoning Approvals 7 p.m. (Town Hall)	17	18	19	20	21 Old Club Dance 6-8 p.m. grades 2-7 8:30-11:00 p.m. grades 9-12, 8th graders invited to either time
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July 2003

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