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GREETINGS

Hi Lakers:

Summer has finally arrived! We've had several days in the 80's and 90's and an excellent weekend. As a result boat traffic has increased significantly and we ask that you continue to observe safe boating.

There are a few areas where swim buoys have not been put in the water and we would request that this be done as soon as possible. As a reminder the purpose of the buoys is to a) protect swimmers within 200 feet of the shore, and b) act as a reminder that all watercraft must proceed at idle speed between the buoys and the shore. Our goal is to have a buoy placed every 200 to 300 feet along the shore line. Because of the variety of lot sizes, some people have buoys and some do not. If you request a buoy from the town we will look at the current placement of buoys to determine whether to provide a buoy. Homeowners can purchase their own buoy. The specifications and supplier information is available at the Town Hall. We also like to thank Joe Moore for placing the buoys around the island.

Have a great and safe summer.

Robert Troll, President
Clear Lake Town Council

SEWER PROJECT UPDATE

Construction of the Clear Lake Sewer system is nearing completion. Various construction delays have extended the project beyond the original completion date. The most recent projections indicate the completion to be the end of July or early August. Testing of the piping is currently underway and the contractor is completing the grinder pump electrical connections. Also, the grinder pumps are in the process of being "started up" and tested by the manufacturer. Restoration, including grass seeding, grading, repairing drives and paving will be beginning next week. We would appreciate your patience in allowing the Contractor to complete the restoration work. Please notify us if you feel the contractor has missed something or has done an inadequate job.

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 completed. 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 and by certified mail, when the system is available for use. Expect to receive the certified mailing prior to substantial completion of the project. 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 have been trained Environment One grinder pump personnel and registered with the Town. This is being done to ensure 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. Contractors’ who have not received the training should contact Mr. Bob Jordan at 317-359-9000 to inquire on any future training dates.

Following is a list of the Contractors which have currently have attended 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) 665-9842

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, North Carolina, (704) 655-2558
Holman Excavating, Angola, Indiana, (260) 665-6602
K & H Construction, Fort Wayne, Indiana, (260) 490-7381
Greg's Plumbing & Heating, (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.

COMMONWEALTH ENGINEERS, INC.
Mark M. Sullivan, P.E.
Project Manager

CLEAR LAKE ASSOCIATION

The Clear Lake Association is dependent on the support and the generous donations and dues from the residents of Clear Lake, Round Lake and the surrounding area. If you have not paid your dues for this year please send \$20.00 plus your donations for the fireworks and/or charities to: Clear Lake Association, P.O. Box 38, Fremont, IN 46737.

The Clear Lake Association Annual Meeting will be on Saturday, July 19th at 10:00 a.m. at St. Paul's Chapel. Everyone is welcome to attend. The agenda will include a presentation by the Steuben County Dive Team, the results of the survey which was mailed with the membership

letter, financial reports and budget proposals.

Entrants in the Boat Parade should be in front of the Yacht Club at 1:50 p.m. on July 5th. There will be three categories of judging this year-Creative, Humorous and Patriotic. The parade will proceed clockwise around the lake from the Yacht Club.

The Fireworks will begin at approximately 9:15 p.m. on July 5th. They will be shot from pontoon boats located on the Northeast corner of the island. Please help by staying away from this area from 5:30 p.m. until well after the show. Please keep you boats at least 300 yards from the island during the show. Bigger and brighter fireworks will be in this year's show which produces more fallout. The alternate date is July 12th in the event of bad weather.

REMINDERS

- + The storm warning sirens will be tested every Friday at noon thru August. If you notice a malfunction please contact the Town Hall.
- + The Indiana State Statutes clearly detail who can and cannot ride motorized bicycles. They also detail the requirements for protective headgear and glasses. You can check these out on the State's website at www.in.gov or contact Marshal Lehman.
- + The Clear Lake Lions Club has three tents available for rental.
- + The Clear Lake Association provides the funds for printing and mailing the Clear Lake News. You can help reduce this expense by signing up to receive an email notification of the News availability on the Town's website: www.townofclearlake.org. The website has an easy form to complete so you can be added to the email list. Thanks to the 135 people already on the email list.
- + The heavy trash pick-up is September 13th. Please have your articles out by 6:00 a.m.

CALENDAR ITEMS

JULY

- 4-Yacht Club TGIF open to public, 6:30 p.m.
- 5-Lions Club Chicken Barbeque, across from the Lutheran Church, 9 a.m.
- 5-Boat Parade, 2:00 p.m., clockwise around lake from Yacht Club
- 5-FIREWORKS, 9:15, from the island
- 6-Ski Club Dance, 12/under 6-8; Teens 8:30-11:00
- 7-Plan Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall
- 12-Lions Club 10K/5K Run for the Blind, Lutheran Church, 8 a.m.
- 12-Safe boating class, info @ 260-833-1019
- 12-Rain Date for FIREWORKS
- 14-Town Council Meeting, 7 p.m., St Paul Catholic Chapel
- 15-Ski Club Dance, 12/under 6-8; Teens 8:30-11:00
- 19-Clear Lake Association Annual Meeting, 9:00 a.m., St Paul Catholic Chapel

21-Recycle Pick-up
26-Ski Show, Yacht Club, 2:00 p.m.
29-Ski Club Dance, 12/under 6-8; Teens 8:30-11:00

AUGUST

5-Ski Club Dance, 12/under 6-8; Teens 8:30-11:00
11-Town Council Meeting, 7 p.m., St Paul Catholic Chapel
18-Recycle Pick-up
29-Yacht Club TGIF open to public, 6:30 p.m.
30-Lions Club Chicken Barbeque, Lutheran Church, 9 a.m.
31-Ski Club Dance, 12/under 6-8; Teens 8:30-11:00

SEPTEMBER

8- Town Council Meeting, 7 p.m., St Paul Catholic Chapel
13-Heavy Trash Pick-up, have out by 6:00 a.m.
15-Recycle Pick-up
15-Board of Zoning Appeals, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall