



A Publication of the Town of Clear Lake  
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## **Greetings**

Hi Lakers:

Fall has arrived and the leaves are starting to change. Don't forget as you remove your boats and docks to also bring in the swim buoys.

The Council wants to express their appreciation to the property owners for their patience, cooperation and understanding as the wastewater project has drug on and on. Your council is initiating steps to hasten the completion of the project. Please read the detailed updates from Mark Sullivan of Commonwealth Engineers and Mr. Donald Stuckey, Town Attorney.

Since this is the Brown's last newsletter, I want to personally thank them for their hard work. Thanks and Blessings Browns!

We wish you a safe winter season, best wishes for the holiday season and good health for the year 2004.

Bob Troll  
President  
Clear Lake Council

## **Sewer Project Update I**

Construction of the Clear Lake Sewer system is still not complete. Various construction delays have extended the project beyond the original completion date. All grinder pumps have been installed with the exception of three. The remaining three pumps require the system to be operational before they can be installed. The force main to Fremont is complete and is connected to the Fremont system. Final testing of the force main to Fremont is yet to be completed. Testing of the mainline piping around the lake is currently underway. Approximately half the piping around the lake passed testing. Following the successful testing of the remaining pipe around the lake and the testing of the force main to Fremont, the system will be ready for use. Unfortunately, the Contractor is going at a very slow pace which is unacceptable to the Town. The Town Council has requested the Town's Attorney and Engineer to put Geiger Excavating's Bonding Company on notice that the slow pace and further delays are unacceptable and they feel the Contractor is in default of his contract. The Town is pursuing legal avenues to try to expedite the completion of the project which is long over due.

The Contractor has completed surface restoration (grass seeding and surface repairs) in the areas where construction has taken place. We realize there are areas which require re-work. Please notify us if you feel the contractor has missed something or has done an inadequate job on your property or in the immediate area of your property. Complaints and concerns can be left on the answering machine at 260-495-4545.

The Town realizes that the delay in the completion of the project will require the time frame for private connections to the system to be extended into the following season (2004). The mailing you receive will spell out the specific time frame for connection to the system. All contractors performing the work on private laterals for property owners must have been trained by Environment One 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. 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. A list of the registered contractors can be obtained from the Town hall or on the Town website, [www.townofclearlake.org](http://www.townofclearlake.org)

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 M. Sullivan, P.E.  
Project Manager

## **Sewer Project Update II**

The sewer construction contract provides that Geiger Excavating shall have the project completed by April 7, 2003. The contractor is now more than 5 months delinquent. At the current work rate, it may be several months before work is completed. The Town has met with the contractor who gave little satisfaction that work would soon be completed. More recently we have attempted to meet with the contractor and his attorney, but the contractor refuses to meet if the Town’s engineer is present. This is unacceptable to the town.

The Town Council recently concluded that notice needed to be given to the performance bond surety, advising that the contract is seriously delinquent and that the Town has incurred several thousand dollars in additional engineering costs due to the delinquency. The Town is presently considering the termination of the contract with Geiger and hiring another firm to complete the system. Geiger’s unwillingness to live up to the contract has put the Town in a very difficult position that cannot be tolerated much longer. We will attempt to keep everyone informed as things progress.

Donald Stuckey  
Town Attorney

## **Clear Lake Association**

The Clear Lake Association will again be sponsoring an outdoor Christmas display and light contest. Last year’s winners, Mike and Pat Long, will be our judges this year. They will be cruisin’ the roads looking at displays on the weekend of December 19-21. The winners will be notified by mail. Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas and to all a good night.

At the annual meeting of the Clear Lake Association in July the following new board members were elected: Gregory Brown, Jon and Mary Jo Fitzenrider, and Steve Foley. Their expertise will be appreciated over the next three years.

The Association board is saying Good-bye to three excellent members: Bob Hine, Evy Schlosser, and Arnold Tonne. They will be missed. If you see them in the coming months, tell them you appreciated their time and

efforts. Bob and Arnold have both served two terms, the last six years.

Karen Hughes  
Secretary/Treasurer

### **Zoning Inspector Appointment**

The Town Council has offered the position of Zoning Inspector to Mr. Dave Gardner. Prior to his retirement, Dave was a supplier to the building trades for many years. He also owned his own construction company in Hudson, MI.

Dave will be available at the Town Hall every Saturday from 8 am to 11 am. He can be reached at the Town Hall at 495-9158, or at his home 495-4295, and thru the Easy Message feature on the town's website.

### **Accusations**

During the last week of August and again during the second week of September letters entitled "Clear Lake Truth, The Real Clear Lake News" were mailed to selected citizens of Clear Lake by resident Dan Hoagland.

These letters expressed his opinions and asked several questions of the Council. Even though the Council members did not receive a copy of the letters, they have prepared a detailed reply to the first letter and it is available on the Town's website.

The Council is currently considering several alternatives before replying to the second letter.

The Council encourages all citizens to contact them by phone, fax, and email, or in person to factually discuss any town business or ask any questions.

### **November Election**

The following individuals have filed for election to positions with the Town of Clear Lake:

Bob Troll, Ward I, Town Council  
Derold Covall, Ward III, Town Council  
Terry Gardner, Clerk Treasurer

All candidates are unopposed. Emma Brown, Ward II, has not filed for re-election. Her replacement will be appointed after the first of the year.

### **Thanks**

The editors of the *Clear Lake News* would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the individuals who have contributed their time and information so the *Clear Lake News* could be published these past four years.

This is the last edition of the *Clear Lake News* unless someone steps forward and volunteers to become the editor. If you are interested, please contact any Council member.

## **Important Dates**

### **October**

**6th** Clear Lake Plan Commission, 7:00 pm, Clear Lake Town Hall

**11th** Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy, 9:00 am, St. Paul Catholic Chapel

**20th** Town Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, St. Paul Catholic Chapel

**27th** Board of Zoning Appeals-Special Meeting-7:00 pm, Clear Lake Town Hall

### **November**

**4th** Election Day, 6:00 am to 6:00 pm, St. Paul Catholic Chapel

**10th** Town Council Meeting, 7:00 pm

### **December**

**8th** Town Council Meeting, 7:00 pm

**15th** Board of Zoning Appeals, 7:00 pm, Clear Lake Town Hall

**19th** 21st Holiday decoration judging by the Clear Lake Association