



Clear Lake

NEWS

October - December 2004

Dear Clear Lake Residents:

The Lake is starting to return to its peaceful serenity after the activity of the summer season. The trees are starting to show a little color and the nights are cooler. There have been a lot of changes in the Town government, too. We have had a complete turnover in the town council, the clerk-treasurer and the zoning inspector. Although this seems like an extreme change, it is the type of change that can take place in any community through the electoral process. The mechanisms that are in place to accomplish these changes are working as they were intended.

The town has been fortunate that capable individuals have stepped forward and helped us through this time of transition. We are indebted to these people who have given so generously of their time and talents to keep things functioning smoothly. Through all of this, the sewer connections are continuing. At this writing, approximately 400 cottages have been hooked up and the system is functioning well.

I apologize to all of you who have yard and other restoration problems that have not been taken care of. At the present time, we are in litigation with Geiger Excavating and are in hopes of a speedy outcome so that funds can be released to accomplish the remaining work. I ask you all to be patient, as we are doing everything we can to keep things moving along.

In order to effectively meet the needs of the town and because of the increasing amount of work that is involved in Town management, the members of the Town Council will be dividing the areas of responsibility among the councilmen to a greater extent than in the past. I will attempt to coordinate this so that all of our needs are covered by the person most capable in that area. Hopefully

this will serve you all better while not placing an unreasonable burden on any one individual.

Please understand that we are all new at this and be patient as we gain experience. It is our hope and intention to keep Clear Lake the oasis of peace and tranquility that we all know and love.

John McArdle, President
Clear Lake Town Council

Meet Your Town Council



Representing Ward 1 (10-416 Lake Drive) is **Anthony Kraus**. Tony is a graduate from Warsaw High School, Purdue

University and Indiana University School of Law in 1990. Tony started his practice as a prosecutor and subsequently moved to Northeast Indiana to begin his private practice. His law office is located in Auburn, Indiana.

Tony bought his first home at Clear Lake in 1993. In 1996 he married Michelle (Micki) at St. Paul Chapel at Clear Lake. They have two children, Eleanor (4) and Gretchen (3). The Kraus family purchased 112 Lake Drive in 2001. In 2003/2004 the Kraus' tore down the home that was at 112 Lake Drive and built a new home.

Representing Ward 2 (420-802 Lake Drive) and President of the Council is **John (Jack) McArdle**. John started coming to Clear Lake while still in grade school until his family bought a cottage on Wawasee. When Jack's brother bought a cottage on Clear Lake he and his family realized that they were spending

almost every weekend at Clear Lake. Jack and Karen purchased their own cottage in 1984. Their two daughters and son all grew up on the lake joining the ski club and both daughters also taught the sailing school. Clear Lake became the family's primary residence in 1993.

Jack attended medical school in Missouri and did an internship in Flint Michigan before spending a year as the only doctor on Mackinac Island. He then practiced in Florida for several years before moving to Detroit to do a residency in Anesthesia. Jack then practiced in Lansing Michigan until 1994 when he decided it was time to slow down and they moved to Clear Lake to semi-retire. He then began working as a part-time anesthesiologist at the Auburn hospital where he has also served two terms as Chief of Staff. Jack enjoys his work at the hospital but is looking forward to spending more time at Clear Lake, and watching his four grandchildren grow up, as he scales back his practice.

Larry Armstrong is the council member representing Ward 3 (804-1238 Lake Drive). Larry has a long history with Clear Lake having grown up within a few miles of the town. He attended elementary school in Cooney, OH and graduated from high school in Edon, OH. He holds a B.A. in Management and a Master of Public Administration.

Larry retired in 1992 as a Captain in the Toledo Police Department after a 28 year career. He recently retired from his position of Chairman of the Criminal Justice/Fire Science Department at Owens State Community College.

Larry and his wife Kay purchased their cottage at Clear Lake in 1986 and became residents in 1997. They have four children and 12 grandchildren. Kay and Larry like to travel, especially when the winter weather arrives at the lake.

Clerk-Treasurer

The Town received a very minimal response from the flyer which was distributed announcing the opening for the position of Clerk/Treasurer. Virginia (Ginny) Nye is filling in until a permanent replacement is appointed. Ginny will maintain office hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:00

p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Town Hall. Sewer permits can be obtained during these hours.

If you are a resident of Clear Lake; have accounting, including payroll, experience; computer skills, especially Excel®; have the ability to learn State and local codes; and can plan your work to meet numerous deadlines you have the basic qualifications for this part-time position.

Please send your resume to the Town Hall or contact any council member.

Zoning Inspector



Bruce Snyder has accepted the appointment as the Town of Clear Lake Zoning Inspector. Bruce earned an undergraduate degree in Business and a Law degree from Indiana University. He practiced law for 38 years, the last 20 with the firm of Snyder and Scrogam in Fort Wayne, specializing in various fields of real estate law.

He and his wife Judy have been on Clear Lake for almost 30 years. They have 4 children and ten grandchildren.

Bruce will be available in the Town Hall on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon and by appointment. He may be reached by phoning the Town Hall at 260-495-9158 or by email at zoning@townofclearlake.org. All questions regarding Improvement Location Permits (ILP's) and requests for Variance Applications should be directed to Bruce.

Wastewater Project Update

The Wastewater collection system is operational with approximately 75% of the homes connected. **The deadline for all sewer hook-ups is December 1, 2004.** The list of qualified installation contractors is available at the Town Hall and on the Town of Clear Lake website, www.townofclearlake.org, on the home page click on "Wastewater Project". The Town

Council may consider extending the deadline for a short period after that date providing that the sewer connection permit is issued by December 1st. Extensions past the deadline will be granted for extenuating circumstances beyond the control of the homeowner. Requests for extensions must be directed, in writing, to the Town Council listing the reasons for the request.

The Council moratorium on new grinder installations remains in effect. ILP's will only be issued when new construction is planned for plotted lots listed in the original sewer master plan. The moratorium is necessary until the Town has all 500+ original sewer connections made and the wastewater flow to the Town of Fremont can be monitored for volume. The moratorium is expected to remain in effect until at least the summer of 2005 and could be further extended by the Town Council.

The lawsuit with Geiger is in the interrogatory stage and Town Attorney Don Stuckey is working with the Council in preparing responses. Mr. Stuckey is also in contact with Geiger's bonding company in an effort to obtain funds to begin repairs and restoration from sewer construction. Commonwealth Engineers has been in town assisting the town in determining how to install the few remaining problem grinder pumps.

Island Status

The Town Board requested that By Dickes, Bill Bloebaum, and Paul Federspiel to represent the Town in negotiations with the owner of the island for possible purchase by the Town. By, Bill, and Paul all own property at the lake and have extensive financial backgrounds. Paul gave a brief report on the negotiations at the September Town Board meeting. The Town Board's position is that the current asking price for the island is unreasonably high. The committee is not close to recommending a counter offer but will continue discussions with the owner.

Thank You

The Clear Lake Town Council would like to express its appreciation to these individuals for their contributions to the Town: Teresa Gardiner for serving as the Clerk/Treasurer; The Troll's, Brown's, Fitzenriders, and Armstrong's for volunteering their time to issues sewer permits and perform other duties; Dave Gardiner for serving as the Zoning Inspector; and the past Council members, Bob Troll,

Any agreement arrived at would be in the form of a recommendation to the Board for their deliberation. Purchase offer components include private funding, public funding and substantial federal tax credits for the donation of a Conservation Easement so the Island could never be developed. Public input would be part of the public funding component. The Town Board is to be kept fully informed of the group's progress. The Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy is committed to help to facilitate the process and preserve the Island for all to enjoy.

Clear Lake News On-Line

The Clear Lake Association provides the funding for the publication and mailing of the Clear Lake News. You can help reduce these expenses by receiving an email notification of each publication and then reading the issue at the Town of Clear Lake official website. Visit www.townofclearlake.org to sign up.



PROPERTY OWNERS INFORMATION CHANGES

The challenge of keeping track of all of the property owners at Clear Lake continues. Please notify the Town whenever you change any of your lake property information such as telephone numbers, new owners, etc. Also send notification if your primary residence information changes in any way. You may also use the Town's website, www.townofclearlake.org by clicking on "Owner Information" which contains a form to provide these updates.

Emma Brown and Derold Covell as well as former BZA members Tom Reith, Alan LaRue and Emma Brown for their years of service.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER



- 4th Recycle Pick-up
- 4th Clear Lake Plan Commission Meeting, Town Hall, 7:00 p.m.
- 11th Clear Lake Town Council Meeting, St. Paul Catholic Chapel, 7:00 p.m.
- 31st Halloween-Trick or Treat from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- 31st Daylight Savings Time ends. No change in Indiana

NOVEMBER

- 1st Recycle Pick-up
- 2nd Election Day.....Be sure to vote!
- 8th Clear Lake Town Council Meeting, St. Paul Catholic Chapel, 7:00 p.m.

DECEMBER



- 6TH Recycle Pick-up
- 13th Clear Lake Town Council Meeting, St. Paul Catholic Chapel, 7:00 p.m.
- 20th Board of Zoning Appeals, Town Hall, 7:00 p.m.

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