



# Clear Lake NEWS

**April-June 2005**

## **Clear Lake Streets & Road Repair**

The general condition of Town streets was a topic discussed at the April 11<sup>th</sup> Town Council meeting. Town Superintendent Bob Hull has been working to fill potholes in the streets caused by winter freezing and thawing. So far he has used over 8 tons of cold patch and has been successful in addressing the worst areas. Filling potholes is only a temporary measure and Town Council is exploring options for overall street improvement. The gold standard for town streets would require a total engineering and replacement of all street surfaces. With a limited amount of resources in the town coffer, that option is not feasible. The Town anticipates repair of the most damaged pavement as quickly as a request for bids can be published and contracts awarded.



The Indiana Association of Cities & Town (IACT) recently published an article in their "Actionlines" magazine calling for a change in method of funding for local road and street funding from the legislature. Major revenue sources from the State are the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund (MVH) and the Local Road and Street Fund (LRS). These funds are distributed to local government through a somewhat complicated distribution formula based on population, road and street miles and number of registered vehicles. Needless to say, the Town of Clear Lake receives a relatively small amount of dollars and a change in funding distribution would significantly positively impact our ability to maintain town streets.

## **Sewer Completion Update**

The frost is now gone from the ground and local contractors are working diligently to complete connections they were not able to get to before the snows fell. The Town Board is anticipating that completion will take place in early summer. The building moratorium placed in effect by the previous Council will be examined after the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend flow is measured and results analyzed. There are a few residents who have not yet applied for connection permits and effective January 1, 2005 the cost of obtaining a permit increased to \$200. It is critical that everyone be connected to the wastewater system to protect the quality of the water of the lake as well as maintaining property values.

## **Town Hall Construction Project**

Bill Geiger, Jerry McArdle, Bob Hull and Larry Armstrong are serving on the new town hall construction planning committee. The committee reports they met on April 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss site plans and basic building design. The project is moving forward. The Build Indiana funds grant received by the town will be used for the town hall. The committee is also looking into an offer from the Fremont Building Trades group to assist with construction. More news will follow.



## **Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy**

We have some great and gratifying news! In March, Ted Spangler donated over an acre of Clear Lake land to your conservancy. Located immediately east of the condominiums, the block consists of 8 platted lots and spans the corners of Lake Drive, Clear Lake/Ray Road, and Prospect

Street. The site is the former home of the Northshore Grocery and Clear Lake Roller Rink.



The green space will be known as "Spangler Grove" and landscaped with plantings indigenous to the area, consistent with proven conservation practices. The gift is restricted to be used as a natural area. It can never be used for commercial purposes of any kind. There is a wonderful opportunity to share this marvelous gift from Ted and create an inviting and open northeast entrance to Lake Drive. We look forward to developing partnerships with the other lake civic groups to enhance this special resource.

The Conservancy and people of Clear Lake extend their warmest gratitude to Ted. His family shares a rich legacy with the lake, going back to 1916. Thank you, Ted!

Submitted by  
Paul R. Federspiel, President

## **TownOfClearLake.org Website Information**

The volunteer webmaster for the town's official website, [www.townofclearlake.org](http://www.townofclearlake.org) has been working to increase the amount of information available online, and enhance the timeliness/completeness of the information posted on the site. Please check the site often for the latest news and information about Clear Lake.

All of Clear Lake's Public Notices will appear online when they are published in the Harold Republican.

Board Zoning Appeals (BZA) Public Notices, Meeting Minutes and Meeting Agendas are also now available on the website.

The Town Council has decided that they will no longer read the previous month's meeting minutes during council meetings. Instead it is their goal to have the minutes available online two weeks after each meeting. Additionally, they hope to have the Town Council meeting agendas on the website one week before a meeting.

Don't forget that you can update your owner information, elect to receive the "Clear Lake

News" on the web, and contact your town officials via the website.

## **An Opportunity To Learn Sailing This Summer**

Jack Sanderson, with Jim Grant's help, Clear Lake Yacht Club sailors with years of experience, will offer a full week of instruction from Monday, June 13, through Friday, June 17. Each session will begin at 11:00am and end at 3:00pm. All students should bring a life preserver but everything else will be provided by the club. There will be a \$50 charge. Participants are not required to have club membership.



Give children, grandchildren, spouses, and friends an introduction to sailing that will yield years of pleasure! Jack and Jim promise that the sessions will be fun -- there will be a maximum of sailing.

If there is sufficient interest, there will be a separate start for school participants in the Saturday race following the week of instruction and, if desired, we can continue that practice for the entire summer.

For more information, contact Jim Grant at [sailrite@sailrite.com](mailto:sailrite@sailrite.com) or 260-691-3777



## **Clear Lake Association**

The Mission of the Clear Lake Association is to initiate and support projects that benefit the Clear Lake Community and to inform and represent the Association members in regard to proposals and activities that impact them.

Your Association fulfills this mission by these activities:

- Maintain projects that add value to the Clear Lake community. These include but are not limited to, the annual fireworks display scheduled for July 2<sup>nd</sup>; the 5k/10k run-walk scheduled for July 9<sup>th</sup>; Canada geese removal (112 eggs have been oiled this spring); road signs and roadside cleanup.
- Initiate new activities that will provide additional benefits to the Clear Lake community. Please submit your ideas to any board member or mail your ideas to P.O. Box 38, Fremont, IN 46737.
- Support and/or encourage organizations that are important to a viable Clear Lake community. Membership dues have enabled donations to be made to the Clear Lake Endowment Fund, Clear Lake Lions Club, Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy, Fremont Fire Department, Steuben County Crime Stoppers, Steuben County Humane Society, Steuben County Underwater Rescue & Recovery Team, the Town of Clear Lake for swim buoys, and Women in Transition.
- Inform the Association members about the deliberations and actions of the Clear Lake Town Council and its boards through the Clear Lake newsletter (which is furnished to all property owners), the annual meeting scheduled for July 16<sup>th</sup>, and other communications.
- Having an Association Director serve on the Steuben County Lakes Council and supporting this organizations effort to preserve the ecology of the county's lakes.

The annual membership letter will be mailed to all property owners in May. We want to thank those who have supported the Association in the past and encourage those who have not to please do so this year.

### **Swim Buoy Placement & Care**

It will soon be time for cottage owners who maintain swim buoys to place them in the lake to

protect swimmers. According to the Indiana DNR, buoys can be placed no further than 200 feet from the shoreline and watercraft are required to travel at idle speed within that area. Boaters and personal watercraft (PWC) operators should be cautious to maintain a safe distance from buoys when on the outside of the buoys as many swimmers in our shallow areas use the entire swim area. During the 2004 boating season the Town had several reports of damage to buoys by careless boaters and/or PWC operators so please exercise caution. Individuals responsible for damaging buoys can be charged \$150 for their replacement. The Clear Lake Association sponsors the swim buoy program for the Town.

### **Boat Parade....NOT**



We regret to announce that due to a lack of participation, the Clear Lake Association will not sponsor a boat parade during the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend.

**The Association would like for everyone to place luminaries on their docks the evening of July 2. This will add to the holiday celebrations and create a beautiful and unique look for the lake.**

If anyone is interested in organizing a boat parade, please contact Bob Bruick, Association President.

### **Fireworks Use**

Last year Town Council received numerous complaints regarding the unreasonable discharge of fireworks during late evening and the wee hours of the morning. Fireworks discharge is limited by state law because they possess the potential of causing injury, death, structure fire, as well as noise. The Town Marshal will respond to complaints of hazardous use and those ignited past our 10:00 PM quiet time. Please be considerate of others!

**FYI**

**All times on the enclosed calendar  
are Indiana time (whatever that is)**

## **CLEAR LAKE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL FIREWORKS DISPLAY**



**JULY 2, 2005**

**DISPLAY WILL BEGIN AT DUSK-RAIN DATE JULY 9**

**DISPLAY MADE POSSIBLE BY CLEAR LAKE ASSOCIATION MEMBERS.....JOIN TODAY!!**

The Clear Lake Association provides the funding for the publication and mailing of the "Clear Lake News". The purpose of this publication is to communicate Clear Lake town government and other Clear Lake organizations activities to all property owners.



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