



Clear Lake

NEWS

October - December 2006

Message from Town Council

The beautiful fall colors are here and many summer residents have removed their docks, winterized their boats and closed their cottages for the winter. For those of us who are fortunate to have our permanent residences at Clear Lake it is the time to enjoy the slower pace of life at the lake and to awaken every morning to the sights and sounds of fall.

The spring and summer of 2006 has been a very exciting time for all Clear Lakers! We are enjoying the benefits of the town's sewer system that past town officials worked hard to complete. Many new beautiful homes are under construction and remodeling of others is taking place. Road repair and construction is underway and it is anticipated that the Town can complete a good portion before winter sets in. Our new Town Hall is under construction and we all look forward to its completion.

There are several things that we all can do to assist in the transition from summer to winter. If you have changed your permanent residence, moved, recently bought or sold your Clear Lake property, or have taken over family business matters, please notify the town's clerk-treasurer. This assists in making sure we have proper and accurate contact information in case of emergencies. Second, please notify the Town Marshal of recently installed security systems or security concerns you may have with your property. Please remove and store all swim buoys and lake items and please be considerate of your neighbor's property when storing items. Last, if you are planning on building, remodeling, or doing other construction work on your property please inform your contractor and other workers that it is important to

keep our streets free of mud, debris, and construction equipment during your project. Thanks to all for their cooperation!

Clear Lake Town Council

Greetings from the clear lake association

As President of the Clear Lake Association, I would like to thank you for your continuing support of the Association and its activities. The Association will continue to be guided by its mission statement and strive to bring benefit to ALL who enjoy Clear Lake.

Just a couple of reminders:

- If you have a swim buoy, please remove it before it freezes in place. Replacement of damaged buoys is quite expensive for the Association. Also, it's very important for the SAFETY of winter lake users that all swim buoys, dock posts, mooring buoys, etc. that may protrude above the ice surface be removed. The fishermen, snowmobile's, four-wheelers, ice boaters, cross-country skiers, ice skaters, and others are at risk of serious injury from collision with any such obstructions.
- One way we can all be better stewards of our Clear water is to inform ourselves about the effects of chemicals we use on our lawns and gardens. If you are considering Fall lawn fertilization, please be aware that one pound of phosphorous in our lake can produce 10,000 pounds of wet weeds and algae. Please refer to the 'Recent Algae Bloom Linked to Phosphorus Source' article in this newsletter for further information.

The board members of the Association will be meeting soon to plan activities for 2007, to address issues of Clear Lake, and to share information of interest to Clear Lake property owners. The board encourages your input. Please forward your comments, questions, and concerns to me at: Clear Lake Association, P.O. Box 38 Fremont IN 46737 or via e-mail to jonfitzenrider@aol.com

Jon Fitzenrider, President
Clear Lake Association

MAJOR MOVES: Town of Clear Lake's Share

As a result of Indiana Governor Mitch Daniel's **Major Moves** program, the Town of Clear Lake received \$129,871 as its share of the "bonus" from the lease of the Indiana Toll Road.



Councilmen Tony Kraus and Larry Armstrong were on hand to receive the distribution from Governor Daniels on September 14th.

The Clear Lakes funds are a part of the \$40 million received by Steuben County. LaGrange, Elkhart, St. Joseph, and La Porte counties also received \$40 million each. Porter County received \$25 million and Lake County received \$15 million. These two counties will receive an additional \$120 million through contributions to the Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority. The amount received by Clear Lake was based on the motor vehicle highway formula. Fremont's share was \$902,712, while Angola received \$3,908,913.

These funds are on top of the more than \$1.2 billion the state will spend on new construction,

major preservation projects and 2006 resurfacing in the seven counties as well as more than \$200 million that will be used to keep passenger tolls on the Toll Road at 1985 rates for the next ten years.

The funds can be used as prescribed by HEA 1008, which includes investment; construction of highways, roads and bridges; cooperative local agreements; federal grant matches; or town improvement.

The Town Council will initially invest the funds on a short-term basis until public input can be gained on how the dollars can best be utilized.

Recent Algae Bloom linked to Phosphorus source

As part of The Conservancy's ongoing water sampling program, I procured an algae bloom water sample from Clear Lake on September 15, 2006 and gave it to Professor Pete Hippensteel for testing. Pete, a retired environmental science professor from Tri-State University, is renowned as the lake water expert of northern Indiana. I have given Pete algae bloom water samples in the past and he has called me back in a day or two with the technical results and said they are not a problem. The sample I gave him on the 15th took a lot longer to analyze and had **mild toxicity**. The sample is a blue green algae bloom that he had not seen before in our lakes. The technical breakdown is: minor part is a microcystic which is very common; major part is a gloeotrichia echinulata. These algae can cause reduced water oxygen levels, can hurt fishing, and can cause a rash. Per Pete, the biggest contributor to this is **phosphorous** and the biggest source is lawn fertilizer. The next biggest source is goose and pet feces.

What can we do to reduce or eliminate these algae?

- Use only phosphorous free lawn fertilizer.
- Apply fertilizer only when it is needed, during the right season, and in proper amounts.
- Avoid getting fertilizer on driveways, sidewalks and storm drains. Avoid application if the forecast calls for rain.

- Don't let your fertilizer application get into the lake.
- Use a mulching mower and cut no more than the top third of the grass.
- Keep leaves, grass clippings and soil out of streets and gutters.
- Clean up after your pet. Pet waste contains phosphorous.
- Prevent soil erosion by covering the ground with vegetation or mulch.
- Wash your car on a lawn or unpaved surface, instead of in the driveway.
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- Continue our goose population control program.

Ken Goeckel

Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy, Inc.

Clear Lake Comprehensive Master Plan

In February, 2006 the Clear Lake Town Council awarded a contract to Region III-A, Economic Development District and Regional Planning Commission to assist the Town in developing a new Comprehensive Master Plan. In May, 2006 a Steering Committee made up of twenty-four residents (both full and part-time) was named by Council to develop the Master Plan. Two public input surveys were conducted. The first survey measured Community Vision and Priorities and the second sought input on Land Use and Zoning Ordinance Issues. Two public meetings were also held to seek community input and ideas. A great deal of information was gathered from the surveys and public meetings and that information is critical to the success of the Comprehensive Master Plan.

Based on public input as well as research by members, the Steering Committee and its subcommittees, met numerous times during the summer to develop a draft document of policies and objectives for the Comprehensive Master Plan. The draft document of policies and objectives will be forwarded to the Town Council for their approval and adoption.

Phase II of the process of developing the Comprehensive Master Plan will include a review

and potential revisions of Town of Clear Lake ordinances as well preparation of a final document. This product will guide the Town's governing body in making future decisions that affect all of us.

A huge amount of thanks and appreciation goes out to all who took the time to participate in Phase I of this project!

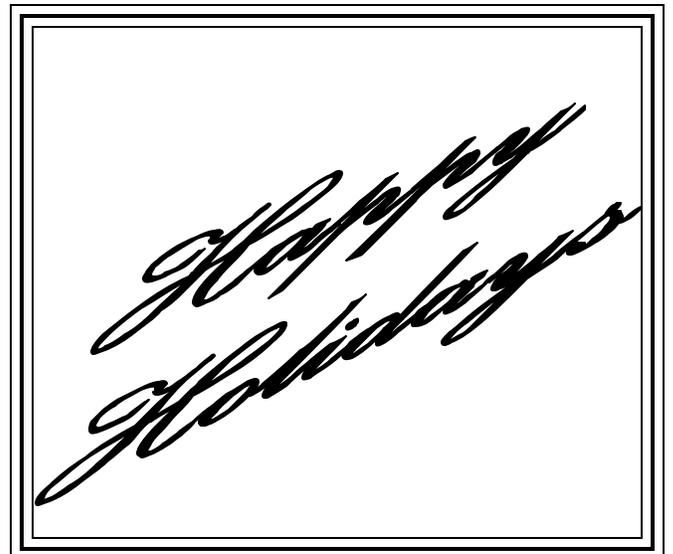
Being a good neighbor

It's that time of year again when the cold weather will be moving in and some of our neighbors and friends will be moving to warmer climates. During their absence their homes and properties will be left unattended.

That's where those of us left behind to enjoy the winter weather can do our part to help our neighbors protect their investments by listening and watching.

If you hear anything out of the ordinary or see something that does not seem right, check it out! Watch for clues such as foot prints in the snow, things moved, broken windows, etc.

For those who are absent, giving a neighbor a set of keys and informing them if your water and power is on or off is helpful. Ask your neighbor to do an inside walk-around after bad storms or power outages to check for damage. Have a safe and happy winter.



KASOTA ISLAND PRESERVATION PLAN

Town Hall Construction



KASOTA ISLAND PLEDGE TALLY AS OF 9/28/2006

PLEDGE GOAL-----\$1,650,000.00

DOLLARS PLEDGED-----\$1,002,500.00

CASH INCOME-----\$39,260.00

CALENDAR GIRL INCOME-----\$ 8,250.00

TOTAL PLEDGES

& CASH ON HAND-----\$1,050,010.00

PERCENT OF GOAL.....62%

TOTAL # OF PLEDGES TO DATE.....212

**PERCENT OF "CLEAR LAKERS"
CONTRIBUTING.....29%**

**TOTAL # OF "PROPERTY OWNERS"
CONTRIBUTING.....171**

Please send your **PLEDGE** response to:
 Kasota Island Pledge
 914 Lake Drive Clear Lake
 Fremont, Indiana 46737
 E-Mail: bgeiger1@verizon.net
 Fax: 260-495-6177

INFORMATION AND COMMENTS

WELCOME AT: www.clearlakefun.org

**Thank you for your contributions and support
of the Kasota Island Preservation Plan.**

Site work and construction began on the new Clear Lake Town Hall on August 7th and continues on schedule. The foundation, basement, rough plumbing, backfill and balancing of the site, framing, roof, setting of doors and windows, and siding and soffet installation will be completed by early October. The Fremont Schools Building Trades program is assisting with the construction. Bill Geiger is serving as the Construction Supervisor and Site Engineer and has committed a great deal of time and effort in this project. The Town Hall Building Committee consisting of Bill Geiger, Jerry McArdle, Bob Hull, and Larry Armstrong remains active in the planning and construction phase. Completion is expected by late December.

The Town Hall will be approximately 2100 square feet on the main level with a full basement. It will contain private offices for the Clerk-Treasurer, Town Superintendent, Building Administrator, and Town Marshal as well as common office space for future expansion. The Town Council Chamber is designed to seat 50 people.

CLEAR LAKE LIONS CLUB DONATIONS

Thanks to the Clear Lake property owners and guests' support of its activities, the Clear Lake Lions Club was able to distribute \$10,600 to charitable organizations.

Five different Lions Club International divisions including the Leader Dog School and Eye Bank received \$2,400.

Fremont High School seniors will receive a total of \$3,000 in scholarship funds when selected next Spring. Two gifts will be to college bound students and two will go to vocational/trade school attendees. The balance of the funds was distributed to organizations in Steuben County.

Your continued support of the Lions Club fund raising activities is appreciated.

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These Clear Lake Community Endowment Funds have been established by Clear Lake organizations to assist in providing financial support for the future needs of our Clear Lake Community. These endowments are held at the Steuben County Community Foundation, Inc., which is a 501 (C) (3) organization. The funds have an annual pay-out of 5%, which is based on the permanent endowed amount and the dollars are available for our community's use thru grant requests. These permanent endowed values are annually increasing thru community support of cash donations, memorials and with matching funds by the Steuben County Community Foundation.

**CLEAR LAKE COMMUNITY
 ENDOWMENT FUNDS BALANCES AND
 AVAILABLE PAY-OUTS**

FUND NAME	PERMANENT ENDOWMENT	AVAILABLE FOR GRANT
Clear Lake Fund	\$9,456.63	
Available dollars for grant pay-outs		\$8,145.07
Clear Lake Lions Club Fund	\$8,717.33	
Available dollars for grant pay-outs		\$390.00
Clear Lake Yacht Club Program Fund	\$2,701.36	
Available dollars for grant pay-outs		\$2,898.36

Contributions to these Clear Lake Community Endowments can be sent to:
 Steuben County Community Foundation, Inc.
 207 South Wayne Street
 Angola, Indiana 46703
 Phone # 260-665-6656
 Fax # 260-665-8420
 Email: SCCF@locf.net

When contributing to these funds, please note the Fund Name on your check.

More information on these funds can be obtained from the Community Foundation or by contacting Bill Geiger; Phone 260-495-2611, Fax 260-495-6177 or Email: bgeiger1@verizon.net

"The 2007 Women of Clear Lake" Calendar

GOOD NEWS! If you haven't already heard, the calendars have arrived! We have already sold 500 copies and raised \$12,000! This first of its kind calendar, is honoring the beauty of the women of Clear Lake age "50" and over. We had 75 women model for us so you are sure to see several friends and neighbors. 100% of the money raised is dedicated to the preservation of our own Kasotoa Island. You don't want to miss out on this premier edition, get yours before they are sold out!

The calendars are always available at Clear Lake Marina and from the Calendar Girls: Bonnie Brown, 495-2771 or donbon1@verizon.net ; Judy Johnston, 495-4427 or clearlakejj@verizon.net ; or Mary June Augspurger, 495-2513 or jermar3@verizon.net . If you are not at the lake, you can order on the web at www.clearlakefun.org and follow the link to the 2007 Calendar. There will soon be locations in Fremont, Angola, Auburn and Fort Wayne where you can also purchase the calendar. Check the clearlakefun web site soon, for those locations near you.

NEW! A Clear Lake Cook Book is now in the works and will be put together this winter to be available next spring. *Of course the book will include our unique photos of ladies as well as men.* To participate in this project (recipes and pictures, picture not required) Contact Sandy Ayres @ dopoho@aol.com or Joyce Augspurger @ jema7749@cimcast.net.

Judy, Bonnie and Mary June are starting seasonal pictures for the 2008 calendar. We will be taking group and single pictures at least one time per month through next summer. We would like to hear from anyone who wants to participate.

Important dates

October

- 2- Recycle Pick-up
- 2- Plan Commission meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
- 9- Town Council; 7:00 p.m., St. Paul Catholic Chapel
- 16- Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 7:00 p.m., St. Paul Catholic Chapel
- 28- Halloween Trick or Treating, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

November

- 6- Recycling Pick-up
- 13- Town Council; 7:00 p.m., St. Paul Catholic Chapel

December

- 4- Recycling Pick-up
- 11- Town Council; 7:00 p.m., St. Paul Catholic Chapel
- 18- Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 7:00 p.m., St. Paul Catholic Chapel

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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