

# EXTRA-EXTRA-EXTRA



October - December 2007

## **WE DID IT!!**

### **Kasota Island Pledges Exceed Goal**

The Kasota Island Preservation Committee announced on October 13th that the total pledges and cash on hand is **\$1,711,356.22**, which is **104%** of the goal of \$1,650,000.

The Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy Inc. has approved the resolution that will allow the purchase of Kasota Island. The Conservancy will receive the deed to Kasota Island incorporating restrictions that prohibit its use for commercial or residential purposes. Kasota Island then becomes one of the Conservancy land holdings. The Conservancy has also appointed an Island Management Board to manage the care, custody and control of Kasota Island.

A Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy Maintenance Fund will also be established to be used for maintenance and other expenses for keeping Kasota Island the pride of Clear Lake.

To date almost 71% of the pledge dollars have been received. It is important that the remaining pledges be paid as promised. The opportunity still exists for the three hundred and eleven property owners who have not yet pledged or contributed to the Kasota Island Preservation Fund to do so.

The Kasota Island Preservation Committee wants to thank the two hundred and eighty nine property owners and the many non-property owners who have made achieving this goal possible.

Bill Geiger and Bob Lewis, the Committee Co-Chairmen expresses their gratitude and appreciation to all of the people of Clear Lake who volunteered their time and talents to help with the auctions, calendars, shirt sales, cookbooks, lager, mailings and other activities. Without these efforts we would not have been able to reach our goal. This is truly a community effort and illustrates what a community can accomplish when people work together!

## **MESSAGE FROM TOWN COUNCIL**

Cool fall weather, the removal of piers and lake toys, and the changing color of the leaves are all indications of another memorable summer at our beautiful Clear Lake. If you have not yet removed your swim buoy from the lake please do so as soon as possible.

Finishing touches are being applied to our new Town Hall that we are so proud of. The former Town Hall property at 122 Outer Drive was auctioned on July 14<sup>th</sup> and generous donors to the Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy made it possible for the Conservancy to purchase the property. The Conservancy is developing plans to develop the site into a park for all Clear Lakers to enjoy.

This action was a real win-win situation for both the Town of Clear Lake's government as well as the citizens who are conservation minded. Once again we must recognize the generosity of people here at Clear Lake and say "Thank You" to these individuals. We here at Clear Lake are very fortunate to have people who care so much for the community. Many groups and individuals are working very hard to build this community, while a few continue to try and destroy it.

Town Council President, John McArdle has stated that these funds recouped approximately one-half of the cost of the 'new' Town Hall. Councilman Larry Armstrong added that the sale of the old town hall property has also made it possible to fund the Comprehensive Master Plan. The Town Council extends its sincere thanks and appreciation to the Land Conservancy.

## **PHOSPHORUS BAN UPDATE**

Over the past couple years, numerous articles have appeared in the Clear Lake Newsletter and other area publications regarding the harmful effects of phosphates in lawn fertilizers on lake water quality. Excess phosphorus in lakes and river waters, has been found to promote weed growth and recurring algae blooms. In June 2007, Clear Lake Town Council passed an ordinance to ban the use of phosphorus bearing lawn fertilizers

within our town limits. The Town of Clear Lake became the first community in the state of Indiana to take such action. Since then, other entities, (Steuben County and the City of Angola) have taken similar regulatory action. At this time, however, any ban on fertilizer use would be unenforceable unless a waiver is granted by the State Chemist's Office.

Bill Schmidt, President of the Steuben County Lakes Council, Inc has written the related article given below, "Lawn Phosphate Fertilizer Ban" to further clarify the waiver process. Mr. Schmidt has been in regular contact with the State Chemist's office and is spearheading the move to ban the use of phosphates in lawn fertilizers throughout Steuben County. Prior to any waiver approval, the state is requiring a period of outreach to educate the impacted population. During this period, it remains important that we continue to use only those materials that contain zero phosphorus.

Local retailers and lawn application services are aware of the potential phosphorus ban and have phosphorus free fertilizers readily available. However; it is up to you, the customer, to request only those fertilizers with ZERO phosphorus. If you self apply lawn fertilizer, select materials that have the number 0 as the middle digit on the bag. For those who contract with a lawn application service you must take the initiative and request that ALL applications be phosphorus free.

While phosphorus containing fertilizers are not the only factor impacting the water quality of our lake, this is one that each property owner can choose to control. Let's do what we can to limit the weed growth and recurring algae blooms by being good stewards of our lake waters.

## **LAWN PHOSPHATE FERTILIZER BAN**

This past summer, both the Town of Clear Lake and the Steuben County Commissioners, for the unincorporated county, passed ordinances banning the use of lawn fertilizers containing phosphate. The goal of this ban was to protect the waters of the county from phosphate originating from the lawn application of fertilizer. Phosphate, while

occurring naturally in the environment, is a limiting nutrient in the growth of aquatic plants. A typical response to an abundance of phosphate in lake and river water is an algae bloom. This is manifested by the water turning “green”.

After the ordinances were passed they came to the attention of the State Chemist and Seed Commissioner. The State Chemist is, by law, a member of the faculty of Purdue University School of Agriculture. The State Chemist is responsible for many agricultural activities. Among these are the storage and use of fertilizers. Indiana Code 15-3-3-12.5(C) states that no jurisdiction in the state may enact an ordinance that bans the storage or use of fertilizer. Fertilizer includes both that used for agriculture and lawn fertilizer. As a result, both jurisdictions were notified that their ordinances banning the application of lawn fertilizers containing phosphate were unenforceable.

Indiana Code 15-3-3-12.5(D) provides for a jurisdiction to apply for a waiver from the above mentioned. When a waiver is applied for, an informal hearing is held. The party applying for the waiver presents its reasons for the waiver request to the State Chemist and other parties selected by the State Chemist. The result of the hearing is either a granting or denying of the waiver request.

In order to better understand the hearing process, several people had a meeting with representatives of the Chemist’s office. The purpose of the meeting was to understand the format and requirements of a waiver request hearing. A very productive meeting resulted.

The major result of the meeting was the realization that the educational and outreach efforts to educate the residents of the problems and negative impacts of using phosphate containing lawn fertilizers was lacking. While there has been information in some lake association news letters and the issue has been addressed by the Steuben County Lakes Council, the efforts do not seem to rise to the levels that the State Chemist’s office seems to feel are necessary if the public is to

voluntarily reduce or eliminate the use of the fertilizers in question.

As a result, an educational outreach effort will be made over the coming winter and spring. The goal will be to get residents to use lawn fertilizers that are phosphate free. If the resident applies fertilizer, he should purchase and apply phosphate free. The second number on the bag is zero (29-0-10). If the resident contracts with a lawn care firm to apply the fertilizer, they should request the lawn care firm to use a phosphate free fertilizer. Most lawn care firms have zero phosphate available, but most require that the home owner ask for zero phosphate.

Bill Schmidt, President  
Steuben County Lakes Council, Inc.

### **TOWN SEWER BILLING**



Beginning January 1, 2008 the Town will assume the collection of monthly sewer payments from all property owners. This billing was formerly handled by a third party company, Midwest Billing, Inc. Sewer rates for 2008 will remain at the same rate.

New coupon books will be distributed to those using that method of payment. Automatic bank payment authorization forms have also been distributed. Since monthly rates remain the same the automatic deduction is a convenient method for those Clear Lakers who travel to warmer climates for the winter months as well as those of us who wish to write fewer monthly checks.

Questions regarding sewer billing may be directed to Billing Clerk Laura Farquhar at 495-9158.

### **2008 WOMEN OF CLEAR LAKE CALENDAR**

The 2008 Women of Clear Lake Calendar has arrived and sales are going great! If anyone is holding back on their calendar purchases for Christmas-you could be left empty handed! We only ordered 1000 copies this year as opposed to 2000 copies last year. On the lake you can purchase from: Judy Johnston, Mary June

Augspurger, Bonnie Brown, Mary Jo Fitzenrider, the Clear Lake Marina and the Clear Lake Pub. If you are not at the lake, check out our web site for other store locations and of course anyone can order on the web site and have calendars shipped to any location. To date the Calendars have profited over \$32,000. THANK YOU ALL!

We have for sale:

- 2007 Calendar - \$10.
- 2008 Calendar - \$20.
- Collector Set - \$35. This set includes 1- 2007 and 1- 2008 calendar enclosed in a colorful customized vinyl folder. Call Bonnie @ 495-2771 or email donbon1@verizon.net
- Calendar Girl Collector Book - \$50. This 40 page hardbound book includes all 140 women that we photographed the past two years. Some pictures are from the calendars and some pictures are new. The dust cover shows the collection of all of our newspaper clippings from our exciting press coverage. This is a collector's treasure. *All orders must be prepaid.* Call Judy @ 495-4427 or email clearlakejj@verizon.net.

Again, thanks for your continuing support. Kasota Island Forever.

### **CLEAR LAKE ASSOCIATION REPORT**



Your Association currently has three hundred and seventy-eight members which represent approximately sixty-three percent of the property owners. These members have contributed \$24,367 to support the Associations activities during the fiscal year of 2007-2008.



For fiscal year 2006-2007 the Association had income of \$25,506 and expenditures of \$25,583. Eighty percent of the expenditures were for the fireworks display and contributions. Contributions are made annually to organizations which provide services to Clear Lake, such as the Fremont Fire Department, Crime Stoppers and the Humane Society. Your Association also provided funds to the Town of Clear Lake for buoys, the master plan efforts and the television for the Town Hall.

The Association sponsored and supported these activities on behalf of the property owners:

- Expansion of the Town Council from three to five members.
- The passage of an ordinance banning the use of phosphorous containing fertilizers.
- The Boater Safety Class
- The annual fireworks display
- Production and distribution of the quarterly "Clear Lake News"

### **2008 DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup> .....Boater Safety Class**

**Saturday July 5<sup>th</sup> ...Fireworks Display**

**Saturday July 19<sup>th</sup> ...Clear Lake Association Annual Meeting**

Please contact any of the Association Officers or Directors with your ideas and concerns.

President-	Greg Brown (1039)
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-President-	Jon Fitzenrider (332)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-President-	Alan Korte (950)
Directors:	Bob Bruick (702)
	Bill Zeller (248)
	George Schenkel (144)
	Mike Long (280 Penner Dr)
	Cathleen Nevin (1120)
	Bob Troll (152)

Ex-officio Directors	Larry Armstrong (1004)
	Bob Lewis (362)

Secretary/Treasurer	Alan Brown (432)
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### **COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN PROGRESS**

The final phase of developing and updating the Clear Lake Comprehensive Master Plan is in progress.

A public input session conducted by Ground Rules, Inc. was held on July 14<sup>th</sup> and both oral and

written comments were solicited. Ground Rules, Inc. is proceeding with development of a first draft of zoning ordinances and building code that will be submitted to the Steering Committee before the end of October.

When the draft is received the Steering Committee will begin their work to develop a document. The process of recommending new zoning districts, ordinances, and a building code is expected to take approximately six (6) months and should be ready for presentation to the public, Plan Commission, and Town Council by the beginning of summer. 2008.

### **COOKBOOK UPDATE**

The cookbook committee is very pleased to announce that over 1600 copies of the Clear Lake Cuisine SOLD in about six weeks! A second printing has been ordered. Delivery is expected by mid-November and will be shipped directly to the persons ordering the books.

The committee has been informed that "Clear Lake Cuisine" is a finalist for the cookbook contest sponsored by the publisher. The contest winner will receive \$5,000! If (when?) our entry wins this will be donated to the Kasota Island Fund.

Ordering information is now available at [www.cookbooks4sale.com](http://www.cookbooks4sale.com). You can click on 'community cookbooks' and then click on 'newest' and we are located under Clear Lake Cuisine

**OR** click on 'Organization' and we are under K--Kasota Island

**OR** click on 'by State', click on 'Indiana' and we are under K--Kasota Island

A special thank you is extended to every contributor, supporter, and volunteer who helped make this project a grand success. It is expected that total cookbook profit will be about \$27,000.....nice!

For any of you who have wondered, "Who is the girl in the picture on the inside, back cover of the cookbook?" She's grown up, retired, living on

Clear Lake's east shore and still enjoys a great view of the island. Carol (Ernsting) Degitz was fifteen years young when she was asked to pose for a postcard picture. She will always be 'famous' now and also remembered for her recent quote, "once you're here, you don't want to leave". This is a statement on which we can all agree!

A list of corrections for the Clear Lake Cuisine is on page 7 of this edition of the Clear Lake News.

We hope everyone has a fabulous fall and wonderful winter-----try some new recipes and tell your friends about your favorite ones.

### **REPUBLICAN PARTY CAUCUS- NOVEMBER ELECTION**

On August 14, 2007 a Republican Party Caucus was held at St. Paul's Catholic Chapel. The purpose of the caucus was to choose the candidates for the town council from Wards 1 & 2 for the November 6<sup>th</sup> election. One hundred forty three registered voters attended the caucus and cast their votes.

The candidates for Ward 1 were Anthony Kraus and Robert Lewis. Bob Lewis was elected. The candidates for Ward 2 were Paul Federspiel and John McCardle. Paul Federspiel was elected.

The ballot in November will read:

- Ward 1-Bob Lewis (unopposed)
- Ward 2-Paul Federspiel (unopposed)
- Ward 3-Larry Armstrong (unopposed)
- Clerk/Treasurer-Virginia Nye (unopposed)

Voters in the Town of Clear Lake and Clear Lake Township have been notified by the Steuben County Board of Elections that **the November 6<sup>th</sup>, and all future elections, will be held at the new town hall at 5950 Gecowets Drive.** Voting was formerly held at St. Paul Chapel.

Voters in the Town of Clear Lake will have an opportunity to effect a change in the number of members of future Town Councils from three members to five.

The Comprehensive Master Plan Steering Committee's public opinion survey in 2006 indicated that 91% of the respondents favored an expansion of Council to five (5) members. Council has historically been represented by one member from each of three (3) wards.

In March, 2007 the Town Council passed a resolution to place the ballot question on the November election slate to increase the council to five (5) members.

If the measure to increase council is approved by the voters then Town Council is required to pass an ordinance effecting the change at their next regularly scheduled meeting. If approved, the new Town Council members would likely be appointed to At-Large seats with their terms staggered from Ward elections. This would provide continuity of government in future election years.

### **STREET REPAIR AND RESURFACING**



The Town had contracted with API, Inc. for repair and resurfacing of parts of Lake Drive. Two major street problems, the first in the area of 740 to 758 and the second in the area 170 to 178, are currently being repaired and traffic flow is limited. It is expected that both areas will be completed by October 20<sup>th</sup>. Paving of the new town hall parking lot at 5950 Gecowets Drive will also take place in October.

### **SAVE YOUR KASOTA ISLAND LAGER BOTTLES**

Log on to [www.sudsgear.com](http://www.sudsgear.com) and click on the Corona site. You can order caps which will fit the bottles and turn them in to salt & pepper shakers!

This year's batch of Kasota Island Lager is sold out! Look for more next spring.

### **CLEAR LAKE GLASSWEAR**

The Clear Lake engraved/etched glassware has been very popular among the residents of Clear Lake. As most of you know, we have been offering plates, beer glasses, pitchers, coffee mugs, and many sizes and shapes of wine glasses. The sale of this glassware will return next spring and will include some new items as well as a Kasota Island design.

# **VOTE**

## **-YES-**

**to expand the Town Council  
membership from 3 to 5**

**November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

**CLEAR LAKE TOWN  
HALL**

**5950 GECOWETS  
DRIVE**

**6 A.M. TO 6 P.M.**

## **CLEAR LAKE CUISINE CORRECTIONS**

Page Number	Correction
4	True Blue Windex (footnote)--change <u>all</u> to <u>add</u>
41	Warm Blue Cheese Dip-- <u>add</u> ingredient: 1 cup gorgonzola cheese
53	Chocolate Chip Cheese Ball--last line of directions: <u>delete</u> word NOT
73	Whiskey Wieners--whiskey is Jim Beam (not Jim Bean)
99	Cheese-Broccoli Chowder-- <u>change</u> ½ tsp flour to read ½ cup flour
151	Black Bean & Salsa Salad-- <u>change</u> 3 cup cilantro to 1/3 cup cilantro
164	Cranberry-Pineapple Salad-- <u>delete</u> first ingredient of 2 packages Jell-O
183	Lemon & Cream Sauce -- <u>add</u> to 3 <sup>rd</sup> line of directions: cook for
184	Walters Low Country Boil-- <u>delete</u> 2 lbs shrimp per person; <u>add</u> 8 raw, unpeeled shrimp per person. <u>Change</u> directions to read: Fill large pot ¾ full with water and bring to a boil. <u>Add first five ingredients to boiling water</u> , allowing water to cover ingredients. Cover and cook for 15-20 min. <u>Add corn, shrimp &amp; crab</u> to top of pot. (Remaining directions correct)
189	Veal-Chicken-Pork-Piccata--Pork not Port
217	Black Bean <u>SALSA</u> (not salad) With Chicken Breast
242	Sloppy Chicken Sandwiches-- <u>change</u> 5 oz. can boned chicken to 15 oz. can
307	Quick Applesauce--directions should read scoop <u>out</u> the apple from the skin
308	Knox Blocks-- <u>change</u> 12 envelopes to read 3 oz each
322	Orange Julius-- <u>add</u> : for adult Julius, substitute ½ cup rum for water
326	Texas Sheet Cake-- <u>add</u> ingredient: 2 cups flour
362	Shortbread Cookies-- <u>change</u> baking time to read 18-20 minutes
383	Key Lime Pie-- <u>add</u> ingredient ½ cup coconut; in directions: insert <u>and lime juice</u> after word milk
409	Lolly's Texas Fudge--this is an appetizer, NOT a dessert.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

<u>October</u>	8	Town Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Town Hall
	15	Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m., Town Hall
<u>November</u>	12	Town Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Town Hall
	6	<u>Election Day</u> , 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., <b>NEW Town Hall</b>
<u>December</u>	10	Town Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Town Hall
	16	Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m., Town Hall

# Happy Holidays

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