



Clear Lake

NEWS

July-September 2007

GREETINGS

Greetings from your Clear Lake Association and thank you for your continuing support. Your contributions are supporting our annual membership drive at a rate even exceeding last year's record. We hope that means the Association is meeting the goals of all its members.

Our recent Boater Safety Class was a great success with 23 students ranging from age 11 to Grandpas. I am happy to report that all passed the test and received their certificates. Thank you Jim Kidd, head of the Steuben County Marine Patrol, for conducting the class and thank you Clear Lake Marina for providing pizza and soft drinks for all. Boy, can teens (and grandpas) eat. We plan to sponsor this class again next June (tentative date is Saturday June 14, 2008). Please help make Clear Lake a safer place by bringing your kids and grandkids.

I am pleased to report that the efforts to reduce chemical contamination of our lake have resulted in a new town ordinance prohibiting the use of lawn fertilizer containing phosphorous. Thank you Town Council. Also, at least in part to Clear Lake's action, the Steuben County Commissioners are considering a similar ordinance banning phosphorous lawn Chemicals County wide.

A reminder. The annual fireworks show is scheduled for Saturday July 7th. Our insurance requires that no spectators be on the island or in boats within 1000 feet of the show. The show cannot start unless all honor this requirement. Let's all enjoy a fun and safe evening.

The Clear Lake Association **Annual Meeting** will be on Saturday July 21st at 9:30am at St. Paul

Catholic Chapel. The board will elect Directors, share information on current issues around Clear Lake, and have a special presentation by Professor Pete Hippensteel, biology professor emeritus at Tri-State University. Pete, renowned as Mr. Lake water quality expert of Northern Indiana, will discuss some of the factors challenging the quality of our wonderful Clear Lake.

Please plan to attend the Association's annual meeting. Come early. Coffee and donuts will be served. Your opinions and suggestions are important to the continuing success of YOUR Association.

Jon Fitzenrider
President



TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

Town Council welcomes our seasonal residents back to the lake for a summer of fun in the sun. The lake is buzzing with activities and we encourage all residents and guests to remember to use safety precautions and care whether walking, jogging, bicycling, boating, or swimming. Clear Lake is a marvelous place to vacation, rest and relax. Mishaps and accidents have a way of spoiling fun in the sun!

The dedication of the new town hall, open house, and celebration of the Town of Clear Lake's 75th Anniversary was held on June 3, 2007. Approximately 150 guests attended the event and many toured the facility. We received many compliments. The construction of a new Town Hall had been planned for many years. Thanks to good financial management, no debt was incurred in the construction project.

The meeting room at the Town Hall will accommodate up to 50 persons and can be used for meetings of community groups and organizations. Please contact Ginny or Laura at 495-9158 for scheduling. Your Clear Lake Association donated and installed a large screen flat panel television in the meeting room for video presentations.

You will find a new, friendly face at the Town Hall! Laura Farquhar has been hired as the town's new billing clerk. Laura's future responsibilities will include sewer and refuse service billing as well as providing clerical support for town officials, boards, and commissions.

Road condition and repairs are a constant concern for town government. Town Superintendent Bob Hull identified two areas for major repairs for the fall of 2007. The first is the roadway between 173 and 180 Lake Drive and the second are between 744 and 764 Lake Drive. Engineering studies are being completed and work is expected to begin immediately after the Labor Day holiday.

The Town no longer has need of the former Town Hall property located at 122 Outer Drive and it will be auctioned on July 14th at 12:00 PM. The property consists of five (5) platted lots in the Arcadia Beach Addition and two (2) parts of an additional lot in Section 3 of Arcadia Beach.

Ordinance 2007-02, an ordinance banning the sale and use of lawn fertilizer containing phosphorus in the Town of Clear Lake, was approved at the June 11, 2007 Town Council meeting. On June 18th the Indiana State Fertilizer Commissioner notified Town officials that a problem may exist with the enforcement of the ordinance. Town Attorney Erik Weber is investigating and we will keep all property owners informed. This ordinance is needed to protect the waters and watershed of Clear Lake and is the first of its kind to be enacted in the State of Indiana. The town has received very positive publicity in the media about this initiative.

Clear Lake Town Council



INDIANA FIREWORKS LAW CHANGES

The Indiana Legislature passed, and the Governor signed into law several important changes regarding fireworks in Indiana. Included in the new law are the times when fireworks may be discharged:

- On Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, and Labor Day fireworks may be discharged from 9am to 12am.
- On December 31 and January 1 fireworks may be discharged from 9am to 1am.
- **Any other day of the year fireworks may only be discharged from 9am to 11pm.**
- Fireworks may be discharged only on your property, the property of someone who has granted permission to discharge fireworks, or at special discharge locations.
- Penalties for discharging fireworks outside of the hours described in the law constitutes a Class C infraction that may result in a fine up to \$500 per infraction. A second violation within 5 years is a Class C misdemeanor with imprisonment of not more than 60 days and a fine of not more than \$500.

The new law allows certain fireworks to be regulated by local governments except for 13 days around the Fourth of July and New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. The Clear Lake Town Council has not adopted a local ordinance at this time.

LIGHT-UP-THE LAKE DISPLAY LUMINARIES JULY 7th

The Clear Lake Association encourages everyone to help light-up-the-lake on Saturday July 7, 2007 during the fireworks display.

Luminaries are easy to make. Start by collecting gallon or half gallon plastic milk containers. Wash them out with soap and water. Cut an opening in the top, leaving the handle. Place 2 inches of sand or gravel in the bottom, add a votive candle, light and enjoy.

KASOTA ISLAND UPDATE

The Kasota Island Preservation Committee has its 2007 summer campaign off and running in full gear. As of 6/21/2007 here are the latest numbers.

PLEDGE GOAL -----	\$1,650,000.00
RECEIVED PLEDGE DOLLARS-----	564,927.82
PLEDGE DOLLAR BALANCE-----	660,945.00
CHECKING BALANCE-----	2,504.75
CD’S TOWER BANK-----	62,000.00
ENDOWMENT MANAGEMENT FUND @ SCCF-----	1,000.00
SCCF GRANT-----	30,000.00
TOTAL PLEDGES AND CASH ON HAND----- -----	\$1,321,377.57
PERCENT OF GOAL-----	80%
PERCENT OF CLEAR LAKERS CONTRIBUTING-----	39%
REMAINING GOAL AMOUNT -----	\$328,622.57

After one year of fundraising we are close to completing this community wide campaign. We are very confident that our goal can be reached by the end of this summer.

All residents have received our 2007 newsletter which updates the projects for the summer. Also included were the new pledge/contribution forms for 2007. Everyone on the committee is grateful for those who have pledged, contributed, and participated in this campaign this past year. It is our goal to conclude the campaign as early as possible, which is why we have set our goal for August 24th thus saving interest costs.

If you have pledged but have not contributed at this time we encourage you to do so now. Previous donors may voluntarily accelerate their payment process and complete their pledge thus receiving their charitable contribution for 2007.

Just send your check to:

STEUBEN COUNTY COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION
207 SOUTH WAYNE ST. SUITE A
ANGOLA, INDIANA 46703

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: STEUBEN
COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
MEMO LINE: KASOTA ISLAND PURCHASE

FOR INFORMATION CALL: 260-665-6656

For those who have not had the opportunity to participate in the campaign we encourage you to become part of this community wide effort. Our volunteers will be calling on you this summer and asking for your support. They can also assist you with any questions you might have about Kasota Island Fundraising Campaign or any of the information you have received.

Pledges/contributions to date have ranged from \$100--\$150,000. As you can see your pledge/contribution, no matter how small or large can make a difference. Why not join in and help us conclude this campaign by the end of August.

For additional information on the campaign contact:

Bob Lewis-495-5015-boblewis362@verizon.net;
Bill Geiger-495-2611-bgeiger1@verizon.net;
Paul Federspiel-495-2392-pfeder@verizon.net

OWNER’S INFORMATION UP-TO-DATE?

The Town works diligently to maintain current property owner information but it is no small task. Please send any change of addresses, phone numbers, email addresses or other information to the Clerk-Treasurer.

Changes can be submitted using the form provided on the Town of Clear Lake website: www.townofclearlake.org, by telephone to 260-495-9158 or by mail to the Town Hall, 5950 Gecowets Drive-Clear Lake, Fremont IN 46737.

July						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Plan Commission Town Hall-7pm	3	4 	5	6	7-5K/10K Walk/Run- Lutheran Church 8am -CL LIONS Chicken Barbeque -CLA FIREWORKS Dusk
8	9 Town Council Town Hall 7pm	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21-Clear Lake Association Annual Meeting St. Paul's 9:30am
22 2nd Annual CL LIONS Classic Car Drive-in 462 Lake Drive Noon to 3pm	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Ski Show 2pm	30	31				
August						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Town Council Town Hall 7pm	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Board of Zoning Appeals Town Hall 7pm	21	22	23	24 Kasota Island Auction CL Yacht Club	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

September						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 CL Lions Chicken Barbeque
2	3 LABOR DAY	4	5	6	7	8 Heavy Trash Pick-up 7am
9	10 Town Council Town Hall 7pm	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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CLEAR LAKE ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING

ST. PAUL'S

JULY 21, 2007

9:30AM

TOWN OF CLEAR LAKE COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN UPDATE

The first half of the Town of Clear Lake's Comprehensive Master Plan was completed in 2006. The Master Plan Steering Committee was made up of twenty four full-time and seasonal volunteers. The steering committee was assisted by Region III-A Economic Development District & Regional Planning Commission. The task included the development of a Town profile, several public participation surveys, results of public meetings, and construction of policies and objectives for the Town's future. In November 2006, the Plan Commission recommended adoption of the document to the Town Council. The Town Council voted to accept the Comprehensive Master Plan with several minor modifications. The completed document is available for viewing on the townofclearlake.org website.

The second half of the development of the Master Plan includes a review of the Town's Zoning Districts, Zoning Ordinances and Building Code with the goal of bringing the ordinances in line with the policies and objectives. Eleven Clear Lake residents have been named to the 2007 Master Plan Steering Committee.

Ground Rules, Inc., an experienced Indiana firm that specializes in developing zoning ordinances and building codes, has been contracted to guide the steering committee's effort. The Clear Lake Association is providing financial support to the Town for this important phase. Town Council is also investigating other funding alternatives.

Several steering committee meetings have been held and the first 2007 session seeking public opinion is scheduled on **Saturday, July 14th at 9:00 AM at St. Paul's Catholic Chapel.** There will be several opportunities for public input. All Clear Lake seasonal and full-time residents are encouraged to attend, provide their opinion, ask questions, etc. We look forward to seeing you there!

Larry Armstrong, Council Member

REPUBLICAN PARTY CAUCUS WILL BE HELD IN AUGUST

All registered Republican voters in the Town of Clear Lake are encouraged to attend a party caucus in August.

Since two Republican candidates, Tony Kraus and Bob Lewis for Ward 1, and John McArdle and Paul Federspiel for Ward 2 have filed for election as a town council member in the November election, the caucus is required to choose the Republican candidate for each ward. Larry Armstrong representing Ward 3 is unopposed at this time. Individuals have until August 1st to file for candidacy.

The announcement of the exact date, time and location will be published as a Public Notice in the newspaper and will also be posted at the Town Hall and the Clear Lake Marina. It is expected that the caucus will be held at the Town Hall, 5950 Gecowets Drive.



KASOTA ISLAND LAGER

Yes, that's right! Kasota Island Lager could be coming to Clear Lake this summer; Chad Korte has been working with Blaine Stucky of Mad Anthony

Brewery who is providing the beer and developing the label design. We hope to have this available in July.

For more information contact: Chad Korte 495-9496—or Chad@homelumberinc.com

CLEAR LAKE CUISINE

Distribution of our Clear Lake Cuisine cookbook began during Memorial Day weekend. Sales have been brisk, having sold approximately 800 by the third week of June. Expectations are high that over 1000 will be sold by the time you read this newsletter.

Several retail locations have graciously agreed to sell the cookbooks. They are the Clear Lake

Marina, the Pub on Clear Lake, the Bent Fork Studio and Gay's Party Store in Fremont, Legacy Hallmark in Auburn, Dave Hill's Meat Market in Fort Wayne and all three Jamison's Meats stores in Fort Wayne. Also, cookbooks are sold every Friday evening at the Clear Lake Yacht Club. We extend our appreciation and give applause to these business owners!!

A heartfelt thank you is also sent to each volunteer who helped prepare, package and distribute cookbooks throughout our area. Regretfully, several of the 899 recipes contain an "oops" and we apologize. We anticipate placing a correction list on the website (www.clearlakeindiana.org/island). Look for that soon, but for now, please 'pass on' any corrections.

Special Thanks to Don Ayres Pontiac Honda in Fort Wayne for its continual, solid support of this project.

We hope each owner of the cookbook will enjoy many relaxing hours exploring the pages and cooking Clear Lake favorites.

As a reminder, the cookbooks are hardcover, three ring binder format and sell for \$25 and can be shipped for \$5. Contact:

Joyce Augspurger,

260-495-4894 or 260-625-3222

jema7749@comcast.net

Sandy Ayres, 495-2198 or 260-625-4996

ayrs1225@aol.com



**2nd ANNUAL
CLEAR LAKE
LIONS CLUB
CLASSIC CAR
CRUISE-IN
July 22, 2007**

We have many classic cars on Clear Lake and many other close by. Come and see the pride and joy of your friends and neighbors. In addition to classic cars, all years of sports cars and motorcycles are welcome. If in doubt bring your vehicle and join the fun. Check-in for exhibitor's starts at 11:30am and the entry fee is only \$10.

The public is invited from noon to 3pm at 462 Lake Drive. Lunch will be available (donations

are welcome), plus music, 50-50 drawings, trophies and prizes. Bring the entire family.

All proceeds benefit the Clear Lake Lions Club. For more information contact Larry Cutshall @ 495-3128 or Tom Reith @ 495-9189

**2008 WOMEN OF CLEAR LAKE
CALENDAR**

Sales of the 2007 Calendar have contributed over \$27,000 to the Kasota Island Fund. Heartfelt thanks to all of you, it's been great fun. The 2007 calendar is still available at the Clear Lake Marina, the cook book ladies and Bonnie Brown, 495-2771.

Our shooting schedule for the 2008 calendar is currently finishing up before the calendar goes to press in mid July. We are still looking for nearly "50" women and older to appear in this final edition. *Anyone interested in participating needs to contact Bonnie Brown, 495-2771 **ASAP**.*

The 2008 Women of Clear Lake Calendar will debut at the Island Auction, Clear Lake Yacht Club, on Friday, August 24, 5:00 PM.

KASOTA ISLAND T-SHIRTS

Be sure to purchase your Kasota Island t-shirts before they're all gone! We have limited sizes still available of the \$15. White t-shirts, adult: small and x-large and children's 8-10 and 12-14. These are great gifts for grandchildren. Currently, there are still two gray sweat shirts: adult small and medium @\$35. The shirts are always available at Clear Lake Marina, Friday nights at Clear Lake Yacht Club, or from Bonnie Brown, 495-2771.

THANK-YOU TO CLEAR LAKE MARINA

The Clear Lake Marina has been selling all of the Kasota Island retail items since the fall of '06. We, the Kasota Island Committee, would like to express our sincere appreciation for their help with our cause. The Association would also like to thank the marina for providing the lunch for the Boater Safety Class held in June.



***HAVE A
SAFE AND
ENJOYABLE SUMMER AT
CLEAR LAKE***

The Clear Lake Association provides the funding for the publication and distribution 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.