



# Clear Lake

# NEWS

**July-September 2008**

**MESSAGE FROM THE COUNCIL**  
**PRESIDENT**

The Town Council welcomes back all Clear Lake summer residents! After a slow warm-up of the lake water, lake activities are now being fully enjoyed. The spring season was a busy time for town government. Work began on the new storage building that is being constructed behind the town hall. When completed, the building will provide space for sewer grinder repair and storage of units as well as protection for town equipment, supplies, and vehicles.

A contract for street repair in the area of 671 to 740 Lake Drive was awarded to Brooks Construction and work will begin right after the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday weekend. Other problem areas will be repaired or repaved as the town budget permits. Two drainage culverts have been installed in the town to move water off the roadway.

The town has received several complaints regarding overgrown lots so please be a good neighbor and maintain your property. High grass and weeds are unsightly and contribute to the mosquito population as well as attracting other pests. Areas designated as non-residential parks or wildlife areas are exempt from the town's ordinance that lots be periodically mowed.

After a recent encounter with a rose garden, our sewer maintenance staff informs us that all sewer grinder pumps must be accessible in case a problem with the pump occurs. Please keep bushes and landscaping to a minimum within five feet distance from the grinder location.

The Clear Lake Association generously donated funds for the completion of landscaping near the roadway in front of the town hall. Two dead trees will be removed and replaced and shrubs will be added to create a park-like atmosphere. Benches will also be added.

Town Council wishes everyone a healthy, happy, and safe summer! Enjoy all the amenities our beautiful lake and town has to offer!

Larry Armstrong, Council President

**THE COST OF AN EMERALD NECKLACE**

Some years ago, a founding Board Member of the Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy crafted a goal for us. She suggested the concept of an Emerald Necklace of green, undeveloped land circling our sparkling Clear Lake face.

Some years later, the dream concept is a smiling reality...Spangler Grove, Maple Street Preserve, the Old Town Hall property, Koeneman Lake and Kasota Island. Augmenting the Emeralds are jewels such as the Spalding Conservation Easement, a four acre tree farm on the Lake's south side, two cottage owners' purchase of part of the Salsbury farm along Fountain Beach Road and the planting of over 5000 hardwood trees this spring. The Kummer's are also cultivating their vineyard.

The Necklace is beautiful and expanding. With the Island, the aggregate value is over \$2 Million.

Now we have to protect and maintain our jewelry. Insurance, upkeep, project design and implementation, Real Estate taxes (until our exemptions are approved) and signage are all costs rising rapidly and robustly.

The Kasota Island Management Board has developed an Endowment Program to help assist the Conservancy in maintaining **ALL** of its properties, including the Island. The Endowment Fund is managed by the Steuben County Community Foundation and the goal is to build the fund so that the earnings from the principal can pay for most of the property's maintenance expenses. We have around \$40,000 endowed presently. With a successful goal of \$200,000 to \$250,000, we could expect around \$10,000 a year in income to cover insurance, mowing, planting and taxes at today's investment rates.

The more we have in the fund means the more we can add to this wonderful necklace around this pretty face.

You can help us become self sustaining by making your donation to: Steuben County Community Foundation, Inc., memo: CLTLC Maintenance Endowment Fund, 207 S. Wayne St., Angola, IN 46703.

Thank You for your support. And enjoy your Jewelry.

Paul R. Federspiel, President

### **BOAT PARADE**

The decorated BOAT PARADE will be held Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00. Meet in front of Yacht Club where judging will take place prior to the parade around Clear Lake. First, second and third place awards will be presented for the "best decorated boats".

You can view some of the awards at [www.clearlakefun.org](http://www.clearlakefun.org), and then click on "Boat Parade". All types of BOATS are welcome. This event is sponsored by the Clear Lake Association.

### **MARSHAL'S REPORT**

Summer is upon us and the Police Department has been busier than I ever could have imagined it would be. Since the last "Marshal Report" mainly covered who is providing your police services, I thought I would update you on what the Police Department is doing for you.

Since summer began, Officer Compton, Officer McCarty, and I have been putting in many hours patrolling in the car and boat. We have also been assisted by the Steuben County Sheriff's Marine Patrol on the weekends with boat patrol. You may have noticed that the car is patrolling at various hours, both day and night. I have been trying to arrange the schedule to provide you with the most effective police coverage. I would also like to thank the Sheriff's Department for spending extra time patrolling the lake and filling in the gaps for us.

Thanks to a grant from the Clear Lake Association, I will be getting together with some resident's to start a Neighborhood Watch Program. The program will begin in the near future as I am in the process of ordering the materials needed to get it off the ground. The premise behind the program is to have the citizens of Clear Lake work in conjunction with the police department to make this a safer community. After several months of interacting with the citizens here, I am confident this program will be successful.

Most of the property crimes that occurred over the winter and in the late spring have been cleared up and filed with the courts.

I was very happy to have all of the young men charged in connection with the thefts from cars and garages show up at the town hall meeting to apologize. I think it will have a huge impact in their life.

There have been a few isolated incidents since then and I hope to clear up all of those soon with the apprehension of a suspect. I will try to keep updating everyone on the bulletin board of the clearlakefun.org website.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone who has stopped us while we are patrolling, sent an email, called to thank us or say a kind word. It truly makes it a pleasure to serve you.

John Gonya, Town Marshal

**LAST CHANCE TO ORDER.....**

This is your last chance to order the Clear Lake Cuisine cookbook. Your check for \$30.00 payable to Kasota Island Fund will order the book with shipping to the address you provide. The books should be shipped around the end of July.

Mail check to Sandy Ayres, 766 Lake Drive-Clear Lake, Fremont IN 46737. Deadline to order is July 12th.

**FROM THE KASOTA ISLAND  
FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE ...**

**THANK YOU!**

As most of you Kasota Island Pledge Granters are aware, we have achieved our fundraising goal for the purchase of Kasota Island and the establishment of the Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy Maintenance Endowment Fund. On Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, the fundraising committee will be hosting a day of celebration on Kasota Island from 1:00 to 5:00 pm.

The island party is open to the public; we are requesting that you bring your favorite passing dish, beverages and *sunshine* for this joyful afternoon event. Your island committee will provide the music, seasoned grilled tenderloins, ice for your chilled food, tables and plastic ware.

We will have 2008 Memorable Kasota Island T-Shirts for sale for \$20 each, with checks payable to the Kasota Island Fund. For non-pledged Kasota Island guests, a booth will be set up at the island celebration for a last chance contribution to the fund raising drive in order to become a *Kasota Island Charter Member*. Your contribution check can be made payable to: Steuben County Community Foundation – Memo: CLTLC Maintenance Endowment Fund. This is a tax deductible contribution. This island event will end our Kasota Island fundraising drive.

The island party will continue, for Kasota Island Charter Members only, at the yacht club from 7:00-11:00 pm. The second part of the celebration will consist of friendly socializing and live music provided by Polly B. and the Jam, finger food and a cash bar for your enjoyment. The Kasota Island Committee commends the Clear Lake Community for their generosity and commitment to this project and for allowing this legacy to be enjoyed by our future generations.

**KASOTA KINDNESS**

We wish to keep Kasota Island “status quo” ...

- No signs, picnic tables, garbage containers.
- No toilets.

If we all practice good stewardship, nothing has to change.....

- Take out what you bring in.
- Be mindful with your dogs – care, custody, control and clean up.

The “Golden Rule” is the only one we really want to have.

Kasota Island Management Board

# July

2008

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2 Knee-high Naturalists@ 9:30a	3		-Lions BBQ 5 -Boat Parade -CLA Fireworks	6
7 Plan Comm. 7p-Town Hall	8	9 Knee-high Naturalists@ 9:30a	10	11	-10K/5k 12 Race/Walk -Kasota Island Race	13
14 Town Council 7p Town Hall	15	16 Knee-high Naturalists@ 9:30a	17	18	19 CLA Annual Meeting St. Paul 9:30a	20 Lions Classic Car Cruise In 12:30p
21	22	23 Knee-high Naturalists@ 9:30a	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Knee-high Naturalists@ 9:30a	31			

# August

2008

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1	2	3 SKI SHOW 2p Yacht Club
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Town Council 7p Town Hall	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 BZA 7p Town Hall	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 -Lions BBQ	31

# September

2008

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 Labor Day	2	3	4	5	6 -Heavy Trash Pick-up 6a	7
8 Town Council 7p Town Hall	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

# October

2008

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Plan Comm 7p-Town Hall	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Town Council 7p-Town Hall	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 BZA 7p Town Hall	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Trick or Treat 5:30p-7:30p		

**TOWN POLICY ON SWIM BUOY  
PLACEMENT**

The State of Indiana requires that boats maintain idle speed within 200 feet of the shoreline. Through the generosity of the Clear Lake Association and your tax dollars, swim buoys have been historically purchased and placed around the lake's shoreline to identify the 200' swim area. Each swim buoy, anchor, and chain costs approximately \$200. Individual residents and cottage owners volunteer to maintain the buoys by placing them in the water in the spring and removing them in the fall and storing them in a safe place. The Town's optimum goal would be to have buoys placed no closer than 300 feet to each other. This protects the shoreline and enables even distribution around the lake. If your beach does not have swim buoys, or the distance is farther than 300 feet from buoy to buoy, or you maintain a buoy that has been damaged and requires a replacement please contact the Town Superintendent who determines distribution needs.

**CLEAR LAKE COMPREHENSIVE MASTER  
PLAN PROGRESS**

The Clear Lake Comprehensive Master Plan Steering Committee in cooperation with Ground Rules, Inc. are working hard to complete a new zoning ordinance and building code for the town.

They have met six times since April 1<sup>st</sup> and have two meeting scheduled for July.

It is anticipated that a draft document for public review and input will be available shortly after August 1, 2008.

A public meeting and input session on the draft will be advertised and held shortly thereafter.

Two new Steering Committee members, Nancy Wilhelm and Alan Korte, were named to replace Bob Bruick and Ron Kummer whose schedules did not permit them to continue to serve.

Other citizen members on the steering committee are Greg Brown, Ken Goechel, Jon/Mary Jo Fitzenrider, Jerry McArdle, Chris Folland and Bob Troll. Bruce Snyder, our zoning inspector, as well as available Town Council members also serve. Steering

Committee meeting times and dates are listed in the local news media.

**HEY KIDS.....**

Each Wednesday of July from 9:30 - 11:30 the **Knee-high Naturalists** will meet to explore the wonders of Clear Lake and its environment. Children ages 5-12 are invited to participate in this free program sponsored by the Clear Lake Land Conservancy.

Meet at the Clear Lake Yacht Club at 9:30 sharp! Dress for the weather, complete with sunscreen or umbrella!

July 2 "Knowing and Growing Trees"

July 9 "Fishing Around"

July 16 "Preserving A Prairie" at Spangler Grove

July 23 "Keeping Clear Lake Clear"

July 30 "Home Sweet Home" for Beavers

**SECOND EDITION OF THE CLEAR LAKE  
MAP**

Fifteen years ago, local artist Doug Johnson produced beautiful watercolor Clear Lake Historical Maps. At that time, 200 numbered custom paintings were sold by Sullins' House in Fremont and have become treasured heirlooms in many Clear Lake homes. The map, painted with the water of Clear Lake, depicts the history of Clear Lake dating back to the early 1800's.

Numerous points of interest are detailed as well as several historical homes. Many Clear Lake home owners are listed in the framing of the map.

Renewed interest in the paintings by a number of Clear Lake home owners has resulted in a request for Doug to do a second edition to be ready for sale this summer. The price will be in the \$200 - \$350 range (for the picture only) depending on what custom items you want to include. This edition has been revised to include significant events of the last 15 years and additional historical points of interest.

Bonnie Brown is compiling a list of those interested in purchasing a 2nd edition painting. Please call: 260-495-2771 or e-mail: [donbon1@verizon.net](mailto:donbon1@verizon.net) if you would like to see and/or order a map.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

This is your opportunity to be involved in town government. The Town Council would like to maintain a roster of both permanent and seasonal residents who are interested in serving on the Town's various boards, commissions, and committees. Membership on town boards and commissions generally require permanent residency status but seasonal residents are welcome additions to committees. The reward for your service is the feeling and sense of involvement and accomplishment in making Clear Lake better for all of us. If you are willing to serve, please contact either your ward or at-large council member.

### **NEW CLEAN WATER COMMITTEE FORMING**

The Clear Lake Conservancy Water Quality Committee is being formed to promote the efforts to maintain clean water as a long-valued asset of our community. Several members have already offered to serve, and Annie Skinner has been selected to chair the committee. Annie recently completed the Indiana Watershed Leadership Academy offered through Purdue University and is excited to put her training into practice.

The CLC-WQC is sponsored and funded by The Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy. It is our plan to make periodic updates through the Town council meetings and the quarterly newsletter.

The committee's objectives include working with the stakeholders in the Clear Lake watershed to educate them about the effect their actions have on Clear Lake's water quality. If you have interest in serving on this committee please contact Annie Skinner at 260-495-0124.

### **THE CLEAR LAKE STORY**

Many Clear Lake aficionados possess a copy of the *Clear Lake Story* written in 1982 by our own Elizabeth (Lib) Hanna. This historical story was written in coordination with our towns' 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

An effort has begun to again approach the history of our beloved Clear Lake and expand upon the story. The book will feature the history of Clear Lake beginning with the Indians and the early settlers, and then our story will follow all of the events leading to Clear Lake as we know it today. The book will exhibit lots of pictures and the postcards that are viewable on the Clear Lake website as well as our infamous Silas Doty.

We also would like to include the family stories of those families that have been here for generations and the original homes that still stand today. In addition, all of the organizations, businesses and churches will be included.

I am looking for this "Coffee Table" book to be available in 2009. This project is in the very early stages of putting the committee together and collecting information. Although, I have already spoken to many of you to help with this project, I still need a few more persons to round out the committee.

**MOST IMPORTANT: I am also looking for any articles of history and/or pictures that any of you may possess or know of that we would be able to include in our story.** If you have interest in helping with this project or have articles of interest, please contact me, Bonnie Brown @ 260-495-2771 or e-mail: [donbon1@verizon.net](mailto:donbon1@verizon.net).

# **Clear Lake Association**

## **Annual Meeting**

### **July 19-9:30 a.m.**

#### **St Pauls**

The members Clear Lake Association provide 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



CLEAR LAKE ASSOCIATION

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