



# Clear Lake

# NEWS

APRIL - JUNE 2010

## CLEAR LAKE ASSOCIATION

Greetings to all. Finally, it is Spring at our beautiful Clear Lake. As President of your Clear Lake Association, I would like to welcome everyone back to the Lake. As we look forward to another safe and fun season, I want to thank you all for your continuing support of the Association and its activities.

Back by popular demand, the CLA will again sponsor a Boater Safety Class on Saturday June 12, 2010. Mr. Jim Kidd, Head of the Steuben County Marine Patrol, will conduct this class beginning at 8:00 am at Clear Lake Town Hall. The class is open to everyone 11 and older. We encourage parents and grandparents to attend along with their new boaters. A free lunch is included. For further information and enrollment please call 495-4180.

Please mark your calendars for the boat parade and fireworks on Saturday, July 3, and the Clear Lake Associations Annual meeting on Saturday, July 17.

Also, please be observant around the lake. If you notice anything suspicious please report it to the police. The Clear Lake Police Department Non-Emergency Telephone Number is 260-495-9620. For emergencies dial 911.

Have a great summer!

Rick Behnfeldt



## TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE

Our first quarter of this year has almost been a repeat of 2009. We had plenty of snow through February and March. This has kept Bob Hull busy plowing and trying to keep the plow in repair as well as rebuilding the carburetor on the truck.

Bob has also been working with M & C Trenching employees rebuilding grinder pumps. All of the rebuilt grinder pumps will be tracked by a computer system so we have a record of their maintenance history. Bob wants to remind our residents that there is a rule that landscaping must be at least five feet from the grinder pumps. Please leave room for the crews to work or risk damage any plantings. In addition, Bob has completed the first draft of the Clear Lake Sewer Contingency Plan. These documents will be very helpful in the event we have an emergency with our system. At the end of last year we completed work on our new salt barn except for the concrete approach, which should be done in the coming months.

Laura Farquhar who is our office manager and billing clerk has done an excellent job of keeping up to date collecting our billing for the sewer and garbage. We recently received \$12,107 from the County Treasurer for late payments, fines and penalties.

While there has not been much going on as far building or remodeling, Bruce Snyder, our Zoning Administrator has encouraged everyone who is considering doing any work on their property to call and review that work with him as it pertains to the new UDO.

Kay Kummer, Clerk Treasurer, has been working diligently in updating all of our financial records. She has also proactively sought out the best CD rates for our various funds. This is vital for the Town of Clear Lake financial health. Kay has informed us that she will be using a new accounting system in the coming month, which will better serve us as we continue to update and improve our record keeping.

Neal Blythe, Town Attorney, reports that there are still several cases in different stages of litigation. One case may be dropped this month as both parties have agreed not to go forward.

On January 12th certified letters were sent to all residents who have not complied with the Clear Lake Sewer Ordinance in hooking up to the sewer system. They have 90 days, until April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010 to comply. If they are

not hooked up at that time the issue goes before the Town Council. The Town council will then proceed to compel those residents to hook up to the sewer system.

All of the Town's ordinances are being reviewed to determine which ones are pertinent today and which ones need to be revised or deleted. The Council would also like to see if the town can have one ordinance that contains all of the fees for the town, not including the fees in the UDO or Sewer. Many of the ordinances are obsolete and need to be removed. After review the ordinances will be sent to American Legal for codification.

The subject of staggered Council member's terms is also being discussed. If the Town is going to have staggered seats an ordinance needs to be adopted in the year prior to a municipal election. We are also discussing having only registered voters in each Ward vote for their Ward representative instead of every registered voter in the Town voting for each Ward representative. We have also discussed doing away with all Wards and having only at-large council members. It was suggested that the community needs to be consulted on these issues and that a list of advantages and disadvantages be developed.

Emma Brown and Mike Long have been appointed to the Plan Commission. They replace Gerald McArdle and Rick Behnfeldt. We appreciate the service Jerry and Rick have given to the Town of Clear Lake and we look forward to working with our new appointees. We are also pleased to have Jon Fitzenrider continue on a second term on the BZA

The Town Council has completed part of the survey work on the Hanna Preserve, and the Clear Lake Town Park. We hope to have this completed in the second quarter to complete the transfer to the Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy.

Fire Protection Contract 2010: We successfully negotiated a 2010 fire protection contract with the town of Fremont for \$22,700. This is an approximately 1% increase from 2009.

Annie Skinner reported that the consultants are still in the feasibility phase of the watershed program. There are lots of little things to work on, but progress is being made. Ditches and culverts that need repair have been brought to the attention to the County Surveyor. The \$100,000 grant that requires a 25% match has the possibility of being funded by outside organizations. The committee continues to have meetings with farmers with as many as 17 farmers in attendance.

Bob Lewis, President  
Town of Clear Lake Council

### **MARSHAL REPORT**

I am happy to report that the new police vehicle, a 2010 Chevrolet Tahoe, is almost ready to hit the street. There is just some equipment that was held up by backorder that we are waiting for to finish it up.

The golf cart registration stickers should be available by the second week of April. Once they are delivered, I will announce it on the bulletin board and ask that it be announced on the town website. After they are ready, an officer will be available on Saturday mornings to inspect the carts and complete the registration process. Residents can also call for an officer to come inspect the cart when one is on duty. The application is available in this edition of the News, and on the town's website. It can be printed out and completed prior to calling or coming in for an inspection. Thank you all for your patience while we completed this process as it is all new to us too.

For those who might be interested, I will have a brochure available at the Town Hall that pertains to keeping your property safe from burglars. A friend sent me a list of tips called "What a Burglar Won't Tell You" and I found it to be very helpful with securing your property.

On behalf of the Clear Lake Police Department, I thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve you and we look forward to a safe and happy 2010 summer season.

John Gonya  
Town Marshal

### **WATER QUALITY NEWS UPDATE**

WELCOME SPRING to all Clear Lakers and WELCOME BACK to all those who have been elsewhere for the winter months. Your Clear Lake Conservancy Water Quality Committee has continued to work on projects related to the Lake and River Enhancement (LARE) grant program. In addition, members are developing methods and materials to keep our awareness high with reminders to Help Keep Clear Lake Clear.

Continue to watch for educational notes and reminders in the Clear Lake News, the Clear Lake Bulletin Board, fliers distributed through the Lion's Club and other brochures. We aim to keep you informed as to the latest and best ways to protect and preserve our magnificent lake and surrounding natural resources. The Clear Lake Water Quality committee is working to be informed and pro-active in the best interest of Clear Lake. Anyone interested in attending a meeting or becoming a member please contact Annie Skinner at 495-0124 or Mary Jo Fitzenrider at 495-4180.

We are pleased to announce The Clear Lake Water Quality Committee is hosting a Hoosier Riverwatch Training Workshop on May 22, 2010 at Clear Lake Town Hall, 5950 Gecowets Drive, Fremont IN. The Hoosier Riverwatch Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring "Basic" Training introduces citizens and educators to water quality monitoring utilizing hands-on habitat, chemical, and biological assessment methods. Participants gain experience and skills in the use of chemical monitoring kits and aquatic insect collection and identification. The sessions are held both inside and outdoors. After completion of this training, participants become "Certified Volunteer Monitors" and are qualified to submit data to the statewide volunteer stream monitoring database. Any interested adult is welcome to attend, and once certified, may teach students how to monitor.

The Clear Lake workshop will run from 9:00- 4:30pm. Jerry Hohla will be the instructor. The outdoor portion of the training will be held at the Cyrus Brouse Ditch inlet that empties into Clear Lake. Participants must be at least 18 years of age. The maximum number of participants is 12. All are asked to bring a sack lunch. Drinks and snacks will be provided. For registration and other information contact Sharon Hall sharon.hall@in.nacdn.net If the May 22<sup>nd</sup> date doesn't work for you, Sharon Hall will be able to provide the link to the Hoosier Riverwatch 2010 Workshops for other dates and training sites. Locally Annie Skinner, Joann Stanley or Mary Jo Fitzenrider, all trained Riverwatchers, can provide details of the program.

The Water Quality Committee supports the Clear Lake Phosphorus Free Fertilizer Ordinance by reminding all those who fertilize their lawns to use only PHOSPHORUS FREE (P-FREE) fertilizer. P-Free is readily available at nearly all the local retailers in Fremont and Angola. Many lawn care services provide phosphorus free applications upon request. Please see the complete list of retailers and lawn services given below.

<u>PHOSPHORUS FREE RETAILERS</u> (Updated: April 2010)	<u>LAWN CARE SERVICES</u> (Updated: April 2010)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fremont Hardware</li> <li>• Baker's Acres- Both Stores</li> <li>• Franz Nursery</li> <li>• Menards</li> <li>• Meier</li> <li>• Rural King</li> <li>• Wal-Mart</li> <li>• TSC- (Tractor Supply Co.)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ALL GREEN: 668-7733 (Only applies Phosphorus Free on lake lawns)</li> <li>• KEITH'S LAWN CARE: 833-3440</li> <li>• LAWN AND TURF GROUP: 866-285-6814</li> <li>• PARAGON LANDSCAPE: 260-627-8342 OR 260-668-8989</li> <li>• TRU-GREEN: 260-489-6550 OR 877-301-1088 (Applies Phosphorus Free only)</li> <li>• TURF ONE: 866-357-3856</li> </ul>

For those who purchase and apply their own fertilizer, it is the middle number on the bag that indicates the PHOSPHORUS content. That number should be ZERO (i.e. 20-0-10). Phosphorus also occurs naturally in plant material and animal wastes. Therefore it's equally important that we make sure we aren't adding more phosphorus nutrients to the water by raking or blowing leaves into the lake. Indiana is fortunate since the majority of our soils are nutrient rich with phosphorus and do not require supplemental phosphorus for a healthy lawn. It's well worth reminding ourselves that it only takes ONE POUND of PHOSPHORUS entering lake, river or stream waters to potentially produce 10,000 pounds of weeds and algae. Research has indicated certain types of blue green algae blooms recently found in Indiana waters can be toxic and harmful to humans and smaller animals such as domestic pets. We all need to continue to be vigilant about the chemicals we apply to our lawns and the daily practices we use to protect our lake and surrounding natural resources

### WATER QUALITY TIPS FOR A HEALTHY LAKE

- If you fertilize your lawn use only P-Free and leave a strip of UNFERTILIZED lawn along the lake edge
- DO NOT rake or blow leaves grass or other yard waste into the lake
- Remove aquatic weeds and debris that wash ashore to prevent them from decaying in the lake
- Promptly clean up after your pets (animal waste has high phosphorus content)
- DO NOT feed ducks and geese- CUTE, BUT water fowl waste is phosphorus enriched
- NEVER pour oil, gasoline or other similar products in the lake or on your yard
- Promptly wipe up any spillage of oil or gasoline when adding to boats or other water craft.
- If you have a fire close to shore, remove ashes to prevent them from entering the lake
- Help STOP the spread of Aquatic Invasive plants by:
  - Rinsing any aquatic garden plants before planting
  - Thoroughly rinse off any boat or other recreational vehicles and trailers BEFORE and AFTER entering or exiting any lake, river or stream
  - Not dumping any water, fish or plants from an aquarium into the lake
  - Picking up an INVASIVE PLANT IDENTIFICATION CHART at the Town Hall

THE NORTHEAST INDIANA SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (NISWMD) has a program to meet most disposal needs. They accept almost anything from batteries to appliances and antifreeze to yard waste. Please visit [www.niswmd.org](http://www.niswmd.org) for hours, location and programs.

Mary Jo Fitzenrider, Director  
Clear Lake Association

### CLEAR LAKE HISTORY BOOK

The Clear Lake Heritage Committee is proud to announce that “*Clear Lake.....a place to remember*” will be available for pick up beginning June 25, 2010 at the Clear Lake Town Hall. Production was delayed just a bit but, we are sure that you will agree it is worth the wait. We are very anxious to debut this beautifully illustrated, full color 240 page coffee table book. Watch your e-mail and the Clear Lake Bulletin Board in early June for the final pick-up/purchase details. <http://clearlakeindiana.org/bulletinboard/>

450 books have now been presold of the 1000 copies ordered! It is recommending that you pre-order your books now rather than waiting until they go on sale in June. You may order your History Books by downloading the order form @ <http://clearlakeindiana.org/historybook/> found on the Clear Lake Fun website.

By late April, Beth McCracken (1110 Lake Drive) will be back to Clear Lake and have your loaned photos ready for you to pick-up. Please contact her to make arrangements 495-0047. Bonnie Brown has the postcard albums, 495-2771. Thank you again for trusting us with your valuable memories.

We have completed filling the pre-orders for this beautiful 20” x 30” map and have just three copies remaining @ \$200 each. Please contact me to order yours: Bonnie Brown @ [donbon1@verizon.net](mailto:donbon1@verizon.net)

### KNEE-HIGH NATURALISTS

The joys of nature at our lake home will be explored once again by children ages 6-12 at the gatherings of the Knee-high Naturalists. They will meet on Wednesday mornings in July from 9:30 - 11:00. This free program is sponsored by the Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy. There's no registration required, just come and learn about all the natural wonders around us! Sites TBD. Stay tuned!

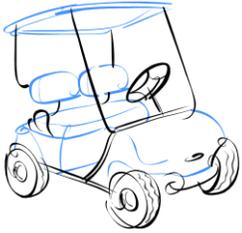
### FREE CPR CLASSES OFFERED BY THE RED CROSS

For the second year in a row, the American Red Cross of Northeast Indiana is offering **FREE** First Aid and CPR training sessions to residents of DeKalb, Noble, and Steuben counties. This opportunity is made possible by the generosity of the Olive B. Cole Foundation. All participants will receive a training kit and manual and certification card upon successful completion of the class. This training is for the lay (*not* professional) responder. A CPR class will be held on April 24, 2010 at the Angola-Carnegie Library. Pre-registration is required for all classes. For more information, please call (260) 484-9336 x240.

## **CHECK BEFORE YOU START**

Zoning Administrator Bruce Snyder wants to remind everyone that before starting your project, be it a deck, cement work, a fence, a shed, remodeling or rebuilding your cottage please check with him to make sure the project meets the requirements of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). There is nothing worse than to start your project only to learn that the project does not comply with the UDO.

### **GOLF CART ORDINANCE**



The Clear Lake Town Council has enacted an ordinance governing the operation of golf carts on the town roads. An Indiana state law became effective on July 1, 2009 banning golf carts from operating on all Indiana roads and highways. This law does allow individual cities and towns to enact local ordinances allowing golf carts to operate and the Town of Clear Lake Council has enacted such an ordinance so golf carts can be operated on our town roads.

The complete town ordinance and references to the state law definitions cited in the ordinance are available via a link on the [www.townofclearlake.org](http://www.townofclearlake.org) website.

Here are the highlights of the ordinance:

- The operator must have a valid driver's license issued by the State of Indiana or any other state.
- The owner must provide proof of financial responsibility (i.e. insurance coverage).
- The golf cart must be inspected by the town Marshal or his deputies AND be registered with the Town of Clear Lake.
- To pass inspection the golf cart must:
  - Have a slow moving vehicle emblem;
  - Have a red or amber flashing light on the back of the vehicle;
  - If operated after sunset or before sunrise, have headlights visible 500 feet;
  - Have a rearview mirror
- To be registered the owner must provide the town Marshals inspection report, the vehicle VIN number, proof of financial responsibility and pay a \$40.00 fee. The registration sticker must be displayed at all times on the cart and is valid for one year from date of issue.
- The number of occupants is limited to the number of factory installed seats (not to exceed 6) and all passengers 10 years or younger must ride in the front seat.
- Golf carts can be driven at a maximum speed of 25 m.p.h

Other vehicles such as Gator's, Rangers etc. will be treated as golf carts while in the town limits; however outside of the town limits these types of vehicles are illegal to operate on roads because the county does not have an ordinance allowing them to operate and the state ban applies.

All vehicle operators shall obey all of the rules of the road and traffic regulations of the State of Indiana and the Town of Clear Lake. This includes speed limits, stop signs and safe operation.

The golf cart registration requirements and application to register your golf cart can be found on the following page. These documents are also available on the town website and at the Town Hall.

To register your Golf Cart, bring the completed form and fee to the Clear Lake Town Hall during normal business hours. Upon receipt of the completed form at the Town Hall, the Marshal will schedule a time to visit your lake home to inspect your Golf Cart, Gator, Ranger etc. Also an officer will be available on Saturday mornings to inspect the carts and complete the registration process. Upon successful inspection of your vehicle, you will be issued your registration sticker.

## Golf Cart Regulations and Application Town of Clear Lake

### Requirements for registration:

- Must have valid driver's license of primary state of residence
- Must show proof of insurance for property damage and also personal Liability of at least \$100,000

### To operate on Town of Clear Lake roads, golf carts must have:

- Sticker issued by Town of Clear Lake after registration and inspection (\$40.00 for annual or \$10.00 per day)
- A slow moving vehicle emblem attached to the rear of the golf cart
- Red or amber flashing lamp on the back of the golf cart
- Headlamps will be required if operated after sunset
- Equipped with a rearview mirror and factory seating where occupancy does not exceed recommendations of golf cart manufacturer
- All passengers under the age of 10 will be required to ride in the front seat next to the driver
- All passengers will be required to stay seated while the golf cart is in motion
- Permit allows carts to be driven on Town of Clear Lake roads only, excludes all county roads (i.e. CR 700 E).
- Golf carts can be driven at a maximum speed of 25 m.p.h

**\*\*\*\*Obey All Rules and Regulations Pursuant to Indiana State Codes\*\*\*\***

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### Application:

Make: \_\_\_\_\_  
Model: \_\_\_\_\_  
Color: \_\_\_\_\_  
Electric or gas: \_\_\_\_\_  
Registered Owner: \_\_\_\_\_  
Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lake Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>OFFICE USE ONLY:</b>
Application/Permit # _____ Annual: _____ Daily: _____ Paid \$ _____
Approved/Inspected by: _____ Date: _____

# CLEAR LAKE ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

## April 2010

- 2 Town Offices Closed for Good Friday
- 12 Town Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall



## May 2010

- 4 Primary Elections - Clear Lake Precinct, 6 a.m. - 6 p.m., Town Hall
- 5 Plan Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
- 10 Town Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
- 22 Hoosier Riverwatch Training Workshop 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Clear Lake Town Hall,
- 29 Clear Lake Lions Club Chicken Barbeque, 9:00 a.m. until sold out, across from Lutheran Church
- 31 Town Offices Closed for Memorial Day Holiday



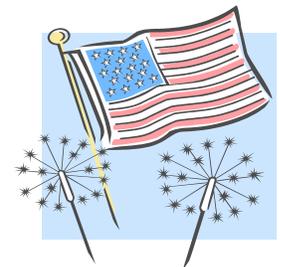
## June 2010

- 5 Heavy Trash Pickup, 8:00 a.m. Have goods roadside by 7:00 a.m.
- 7 Special Plan Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
- 12 Clear Lake Association Boater Safety Class, 8:00 a.m., Town Hall
- 12 C-scow Regatta, Clear Lake Yacht Club
- 14 Town Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
- 21 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall



## July 2010

- 3 Clear Lake Lions Club Chicken Barbeque, 9:00 a.m. until sold out, across from Lutheran Church
- 3 Clear Lake Association Fireworks 10:00 p. m., Kasota Island, at dusk
- 5 Town Offices Closed for July 4th Holiday
- 7, 14, 21, 28 Knee-high Naturalists, 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., sites to be determined
- 12 Town Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
- 17 Clear Lake Association Annual Meeting, 9:30 a.m., location to be determined
- 18 Clear Lake Lions Club Annual Car Show, Noon to 3:00 p.m., 462 Lake Drive
- 25 Ski Club Ski Show, Clear Lake Yacht Club



# **FREE BOATER SAFETY CLASS**



***Sponsored by the Clear Lake Association***

**June 12, 2010**

**8:00 AM to 3:00 PM\***

**CLEAR LAKE TOWN HALL**

**5950 Gecowets Drive**

Open to everyone 11 and older. We encourage parents and Grandparents to attend.

**\*All materials and lunch will be provided**

**CALL 495-4180 BY JUNE 5<sup>th</sup> TO ENROLL**

The members of the 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.



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