



Clear Lake

JULY – SEPTEMBER 2010

NEWS

CLEAR LAKE ASSOCIATION

As I complete my term as President of your Clear Lake Association, I would like to thank all of you for your past and ongoing support. The Association has a dedicated Board of Directors and officers who will continue the Association's mission to initiate and support projects that benefit the Clear Lake Community. They will continue to inform and represent the Association members in regard to proposals and activities that impact them. The board members encourage your input. Please attend the annual meeting and continue to forward your comments, questions, and concerns to The Clear Lake Association P.O. Box 38 Fremont IN 46737

Thanks to instruction by the Steuben County Marine Patrol and lunch provided by the Clear Lake Marina, the **Boater Safety Class** was a great success. The class had a mix of youth and adults. Each successfully passed the class and received their certificates. We now have 25 newly trained and certified safe boaters on Clear Lake.

Planning for the **2010 Fireworks** continues. Please reserve Saturday, July 3, at dusk (approximately 10:00 pm) for the show. Sunday, July 4th, has been reserved in case of rain on Saturday.

The annual **July 4th Boat Parade** (held on Saturday, July 3rd) will start at 3:00pm at the Yacht Club. Cash and awards will be awarded for the best decorated boats. Join the fun!!!

Look for new **directional signs** around Clear Lake. Our Board of Directors has agreed to have these signs replaced. These signs list the cottage numbers and direct our guests that visit our community.

The Clear Lake Association **Annual meeting** will be on Saturday morning, July 17, at 9:30am at St. Paul Catholic Chapel. Pete Hippensteel will be our guest speaker this year. Pete is currently Vice-President of Technical Affairs for the Steuben County Lakes Council and a Member of the Indiana Lakes Management Work Group. Pete is still active in doing some consulting on water quality issues related to wetlands and watersheds. He is also Professor Emeritus from Trine University and a member of many environmental organizations. Have a fun and safe summer, Rick Behnfeldt, President CLA

THANK YOU

As of the printing date for the "Clear Lake News" over 300 Clear Lake property owners have joined the Clear Lake Association. The dock markers will be delivered during the next two weeks.

TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE

Town Council: Alan Korte (950), Bob Lewis (362), George Schenkel (144), Sue Williams (200), Barry Worl (787)

Dear Clear Lake Residents and Guests:

As we approach the 4th of July holiday weekend the Town Council would like to share with you a summary of some of our ordinances that are especially pertinent during these busy summer months.

FIREWORKS ORDINANCE

Fireworks legal in the State of Indiana (Class C) can be detonated during these hours:

- June 29 & 30, July 1 thru 3 and July 5 thru 9: 1:00 p.m. until two hours after sunset
- **July 4: 10:00 a.m. until two hours after sunset**

- Memorial Day & Labor Day, 1 p.m. to 11 p.m.; New Years Eve (Dec. 31/Jan. 1) 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.

ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

This applies to the area within the town limits including Kasota Island:

- Prohibits animals running at large unless the animal is properly in leash, with the leash not to exceed ten feet in length;
- Requires confinement of every animal so that it cannot stray beyond the premises of the owner, keeper or harborer;
- Prohibits keeping or harboring any dog or other animal which barks, yelps, howls or creates disturbing noises which disturb the peace, quiet, and good order of the town;
- Prohibits defecation on public or private property or another unless the owner/custodian possesses the necessary tools and equipment to remove the defecation and requires immediate removal of defecation.

GOLF CART ORDINANCE

The complete ordinance and references to the Indiana state law cited in the ordinance is available on the town website—www.townofclearlake.org for your information. Here are the most pertinent points:

- The operator must have a valid driver's license (State law)
- The golf cart must be inspected by the town Marshal or his deputies and be registered with the Town of Clear Lake after inspection. (Thanks to all of you who have registered)
- To pass inspection the golf cart must:
 - Have a slow moving vehicle emblem,
 - Have an amber or red flashing light, (see the Marshal report on page 3 for clarification)
 - If operated anytime from sunset to sunrise it must have headlights visible for 500 feet,
 - Have a rearview mirror.
- To be registered the owner must provide the town Marshals inspection report (he will glad to come to your house, call 495-9620), the vehicle VIN, proof of financial responsibility and pay a \$40.00 fee. The registration sticker must be displayed at all times on the vehicle and is valid for two years from the date of issue.
- The number of occupants is limited to the number of factory installed seats (not to exceed 6) and all passengers of 10 years or younger must ride in the front seats OR ride with a seat belt.

BE AWARE: Other vehicles such as Gator's, Rangers, etc. will be treated as golf carts while in the town limits. Outside the town limits these vehicles are prohibited from operating by the state law and the county cannot adopt an ordinance allowing them.

BUILDING PERMITS

A reminder from the zoning administrator Bruce Snyder: Check with me before starting your project!!

Before you start your project, be it a deck, concrete work, putting up a fence, building a shed, remodeling or building a new house please check to make sure the project conforms to the Development Ordinance. There is nothing worse than to start a project and then discover that it does not comply. Help us keep Clear Lake one of the greatest places to live. My hours are from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. every Monday. You can contact me at 260-495-9158 or on my cell phone at 260-243-6701. Thank you for your cooperation.

KASOTA ISLAND

Bill Geiger and the volunteers on the Kasota Island maintenance committee have worked very hard last year and this spring cleaning up the island and improving its appearance with lots of new plantings. The committee invites everyone to visit the island and enjoy the improvements. Please follow these rules during your visits:

- Please keep all pets on a leash and clean-up after them,
- Leave nothing behind---everything that you take to the island should be taken with you when you leave,
- Keep all glass in your boat,
- Do not move any rocks and they are in place for erosion control,
- Fires must only be in designated locations and fully extinguished before you leave,
- Be considerate of others when using firewood by using only what you need.

Have a safe and fun summer here at Clear Lake.

Clear Lake Town Council and Staff

MARSHAL'S REPORT

Summer is upon us again and there are a few things I would like to address. First of which is the ordinance pertaining to fireworks at the Town of Clear Lake. The ordinance allows for Fireworks to be shot until 11:00 p.m. on the following dates; 6/29, 6/30, 7/1, 7/2, 7/3, 7/5, 7/6, 7/8, 7/9. The ordinance also allows for fireworks to be shot until Midnight on July 4th and until 1:00 a.m. on New Year's Eve / New Years Day. Once again, the State of Indiana dictated what could be allowed and prohibited in the ordinance. The above listed dates are those that the State said had to be allowed by the town if it were to create an ordinance allowing them to be displayed at all. For the most part, there have been very few violations of the ordinance reported to the police department.

Secondly, I would like to clear up something with the Golf Cart ordinance. There was some language in the ordinance that caused some misunderstandings. If your cart is equipped with taillights, there is no need for any other flashing light from the rear unless you choose that for safety purposes. If the taillights can be seen from 500 feet, it meets the requirements for the ordinance. I apologize if you purchased a separate light for the rear when it wasn't needed. So far this summer, the police department has registered approximately 40 carts.

I have received a lot of positive feedback regarding the new police vehicle. I hope everyone has had a chance to see it patrolling. We have logged approximately 1100 miles on it so far since it was put in service.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy summer. Keep up the good work with keeping an eye on your neighbor's properties and reporting suspicious activity. It does make a difference and keeps Clear Lake a safe place to live. John Gonya, Town Marshal

BUSY SUMMER FOR CLEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP LAND CONSERVANCY

Since early Spring CLTLC activities have been humming and the work of our volunteer members and contractors has been fantastic! Maybe you have seen the results of their hard work and just did not know that it was the work of "The Conservancy". Take a trip to Kasota Island and see the work of the Geiger Commandos that have literally cut and pillaged over 100 dead trees while replanting 25 and lots of perennial plants as well. Drive slowly past the Franz Woods on either the inner or outer public roads on the Eastern Shore and see the progress of the soon to be opened Memorial Woods. In the 600's of Lake Drive you will notice a newly leveled, seeded and thatched lot where a month ago stood a cottage. This demolition will serve to connect the inner drive to the existing Old Towne Hall Park which you will note is sporting the beginnings of a new garden path. During the Wednesdays of July you may see the Knee High Naturalists gather again as we teach these eager youngsters their connection to our ecosystem and then send them home to impart what they have learned to their families. Keep an eye on your coffee tables as soon the history book committee will deliver on its' long standing project. And all this is just the work that is visible to the residents of Clear Lake Township.

Behind the scenes and out of view of most residents, we continue to monitor survey and plan new ways we can help maintain the environment that rewards all of us with a way of life unequalled by other lake communities. The Water Quality committee's continued efforts to complete the study of the Cyrus Browse Ditch sub-watershed and the overall study of the Clear Lake watershed. The committee has determined several best management practices that should help decrease the sediment and nutrient load to Clear Lake. The township landowners have really been helpful in determining what can be done by all of us to improve these problems. Water testing analysis continues as this season has given us a dose of early warm weather and thereby unseasonably warm water temperatures.

So where is this all going? WE NEED TO RAISE SOME MONEY TO KEEP THIS ALL MOVING FORWARD! Please mark your calendars to attend the CLTLC GALA FUND RAISING EVENT Saturday July 24th beginning at 6PM at The Clear Lake Yacht Club. This is an adult only event for all Township residents to benefit the Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy Inc. Heavenly Hors d'oeuvres, Sparkling Water, Suds and Wine provided with cash bar available and all this for just \$20 per person. Minors will not be admitted and turtle soup will not be served. Jim Skinner, President, CLTLC

WATER QUALITY NEWS UPDATE

Green Algae Bloom

(Previously posted on the Clear Lake Fun website Bulletin Board)

On May 28th, 2010 an algae sample from the south shore of Clear Lake was evaluated by Pete Hippensteel. Pete is Professor Emeritus from Trine University and a member of many environmental organizations. Pete identified the green mass to be Spirogyra-Green Filamentous type. He said the algae is not toxic and is common to our area. Notable however, is how very early it appeared this year. Usually it comes in late July to early August. The cause is the lake "turning over". Lake "turn over" is when the organic material in the lake builds up on or near the bottom. The lake's natural process is to release this material to the surface. The algae float and the wind carries it to shore. The organic material is from leaves, weeds and various materials that end up in the lake and break down over time. Add warm temperatures and the "turn over" occurs. Runoff from lawn fertilizers and agricultural fields compounds the algae bloom. Once the algae reaches shore it floats at the whim of the wind. The algae bloom is green until it dies. Then it turns brownish black, smells and sinks. It is suspended in the water until water action takes it away, usually to the lake bottom as organic material. The process begins again. Some people gather the mass with a rake when still green and take it out of the lake. This prevents the smell. The wet algae are good for working into the garden in moderate amounts. If you pile it up, the algae will begin to decompose and start to smell. Spreading it to dry reduces the smell. Once dry, it is very light and can be hauled away to a compost site or burned.

Pete Hippensteel will be the feature speaker at the Clear Lake Association Annual Meeting on Saturday July 17th 9:30 AM St. Paul Catholic Church.

Water Quality Tips for a Healthy Lake

- If you fertilize your lawn use only Phosphorus-Free fertilizer 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
- (The Clear Lake Marina will accept used motor or engine oil for proper disposal)
- 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:
 - 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 Town Hall

THE NORTHEAST INDIANA SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (NISWMD) has a disposal program to fit almost any need from disposal of batteries, appliances, computers, antifreeze or yard waste. Please visit www.niswmd.org for hours, location and programs.

KASOTA ISLAND NEWS

The Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy and the Kasota Island Maintenance Committee would like to welcome all Clear Lakers back to wonderful Clear Lake. This past winter was quite busy for the 20+ members of the Kasota Island Maintenance Committee in the continuing restoration of Kasota Island; from cutting down old trees, clearing brush from the shoreline, restacking shoreline rocks to stop erosion, planting 25 hardwood trees and planting over 300 perennial plants – we've been busy! In addition, your island maintenance committee picked up sticks, cleaned up droppings from our two and four-legged friends, raked a large portion

of the island and mowed the grounds for your summer enjoyment. Over 780 volunteer service hours have been invested. In the coming months and years other issues will be addressed on the island. We plan to continue planting as well as to install a retention wall on the east side of the island to help stop continued erosion; the main upper area of the island, in most part, will be left as is with only minimal maintenance.

We invite all Clear Lake property owners to use your island - all we ask is that you respect the property and help us maintain it by not moving the rocks, plants and fire wood. Please only use the cut wood for small campfires so it may last the summer for all to enjoy. Also, we nicely ask that you don't let your four-legged friends run free and, if need be, pick up after your little critter. It is the maintenance committee's intent to not post signs, provide refuse containers or pick up after you and your guests – we'd like to follow the simple saying of *if you bring it to, you take it from*. Our intent is to keep the island natural, but at the same time do the things necessary to stop the erosion of the property for us and future generations to enjoy.

Thanks to all the volunteers who have helped this past winter. Special thanks go to Chris Baker of Baker's Acres for his time, talent and conservation knowledge in this restoration project and to the Clear Lake Marina for the use of the work boat to transport plants and equipment. This is a volunteer committee and anyone interested in helping with the project is welcome; please feel free to contact me at any time and I will gladly add your name to the maintenance committee list! We hope you enjoy your island in paradise this summer and in summers to come. Thank you from both the committee and your Kasota Island Maintenance Committee Chairman. Bill Geiger, 260-495-2611, bgeiger1@verizon.net

Note: Everyone is welcome to water the new plants at your island if you so wish. They would like to be part of the activities and have a social drink, too!

HISTORY BOOK

Despite repeated assurances from the publisher that the Clear Lake history book would be ready by June 25, we have just learned the book will not be ready until the following week end. Listed below are the times for both presale pick up and new sales. We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your understanding. Thank you again for your support of this project. The Clear Lake Heritage Committee

History Book *preorder distribution and new sales:*

CLEAR LAKE TOWN HALL **Friday, July 2**, 2:00 – 5:00 and **Saturday, July 3**, 9:00 – 1:00

History Book *new sales only:*

CLEAR LAKE YACHT CLUB, **Friday, July 2**, 6:00 - 8:00 and CLEAR LAKE LIONS CHICKEN BBQ, **Saturday, July 3**, 9:30 – 12:30

Please check the Clear Lake Fun website (www.clearlakefun.org) for additional dates and times to purchase and pick up books. *If you have questions, please contact Bonnie Brown (495-2771) or Beth McCracken (495-0047)*

KNEE-HIGH NATURALISTS

Meet every Wednesday in July, 10:00 until Noon

Free program for ages 5-12

JULY 7---Exploring Wetlands with Chris Barlow

(Be prepared to get your feet wet and protect yourself from mosquitoes)

JULY 14---Keeping Clear Lake clear at its sources. Koeneman Lake with Nate Simmons

JULY 21---Fishing at Kasota Island with Ted Bohman

All supplies provided (adult supervision and pontoon boat transportation welcome)

JULY 28---Birds, birds and more birds with Fred Wooley

All programs begin and end at Clear Lake Yacht Club EXCEPT July 14, which will begin and end at Clear Lake Lutheran Church

Questions??? Call Josie Kramer 495-4572 Sponsored by Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy

CLEAR LAKE COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT FUNDS

*CLEAR LAKE FUND--CLEAR LAKE LIONS CLUB FUND--CLEAR LAKE YACHT CLUB PROGRAM FUND--
-CLEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP LAND CONSERVANCY MAINTENANCE FUND*

These Clear Lake Community Endowment Funds have been established by organizations of Clear Lake 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 these dollars are available for our community's use thru grant requests. The permanent endowed values are annually increasing thru community support of cash donations, memorials, fund raisers & matching funds at times by the Steuben County Community Foundation.

**CLEAR LAKE COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT FUNDS BALANCES & AVAILABLE PAY-OUTS
As of - 5/31/2010**

FUND NAME

Clear Lake Fund.....	\$ 19,812.86	Available dollars for grant pay-out \$ 9,616.48
Clear Lake Lions Club Fund.....	\$ 8,991.88	Available dollars for grant pay-out \$ 813.00
Clear Lake Yacht Club Program Fund.....	\$ 8,625.09	Available dollars for grant pay-out \$ 3,363.11
CLTLC Maintenance Fund.....	\$ 87,780.95	Available dollars for grant pay-out \$ - 0 -

Contributions to these Clear Lake Community Endowments funds can be sent to:
Steuben County Community Foundation, Inc.
1701 North Wayne Street
Angola, Indiana 46703
Phone: 260-665-6656
Fax: 260-665-8420
Email: SCCF@ locl.net

When contributing to these funds, please note the **Fund Name** on your check memo line.
More information on these funds is available at the Community Foundation or by contacting Bill Geiger @
Phone: 260-495-2611 – Email: bgeiger1@verizon.net

NOTE: On Saturday evening July 31 at 6:00 pm located at the CLYC a wine tasting and rib barbecue cook-off fund raiser will be held for the Clear Lake Fund. This event is hosted by Gay's Hops-N-Schnapps and this is an invitation for all Clear Lakers to come and join in the activities and have some FUN.

REMINDER

The Clear Lake Lions Club collects aluminum cans for recycling beside the building located at 6930 N 875 E.
Please, aluminum cans only!

OWNER'S INFORMATION UP-TO-DATE?

Please send any change of addresses, phone numbers, email addresses or other information to Kay Kummer, 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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 2010

- 3 Clear Lake Lions Club Chicken Barbeque, 9:00 a.m. until sold out, across from Lutheran Church
- 3 Flotilla & Boat Parade, registration 1:30 to 2:30, judging 2:30-3:00, parade @ 3:00, Yacht Club
- 3 Clear Lake Association Fireworks, Kasota Island, at dusk
- 5 Town Offices Closed for July 4th Holiday
- 7, 14, 21, 28 Knee-high Naturalists, 10:00 a.m. to noon, see article for locations
- 10 Clear Lake Lions 10K-5K Run/Walk, 7:00 a.m. registration, 8:00 a.m. start, across from the Lutheran Church
- 12 Town Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
- 17 Clear Lake Association Annual Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Saint Paul Catholic Chapel
- 18 Clear Lake Lions Club Annual Car Show, Noon to 3:00 p.m., area behind 462 Lake Drive
- 25 Ski Club Ski Show, Clear Lake Yacht Club



August 2010

- 2 Plan Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
- 9 Town Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
- 16 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall



September 2010

- 6 Town Offices Closed for Labor Day Holiday
- 13 Town Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
- 18 Heavy Trash Pickup, 8:00 a.m.



To include your organizations events please send an email to azbrown2@verizon.net

CLEAR LAKE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

SATURDAY JULY 17, 2010

SAINT PAUL CATHOLIC CHAPEL

9:30 A.M.

GUEST SPEAKER

PETE HIPPENSTEEL

Professor Emeritus from Trine University

"Clear Lake Water Quality Challenges"

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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