



# Clear Lake

# NEWS

APRIL - JUNE 2011

## CLEAR LAKE ASSOCIATION

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 11, 2011. 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 260-495-3180.

Please mark your calendars for the fireworks on Saturday, July 2, and the Clear Lake Associations Annual meeting on Saturday, July 16.

Have a great summer!  
Rick Behnfeldt

## TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

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

The first quarter of 2011 was a repeat of 2010 as far as weather is concerned. We had plenty of snow and ice that kept Bob Hull and the road crews busy for most of the first quarter. We also had more tree damage than usual but most of it has been cleaned.

Legislation in the first quarter included an ordinance to amend the Clear Lake Code of Ordinances. This has been a six month process in which the council and staff have reviewed all our ordinances and made the necessary deletions and amendments to bring our ordinances up to date. Once these ordinances are codified they will be reviewed each year.

In addition we passed an ordinance to amend our UDO Ordinance for clarity throughout all sections of the UDO.

Projects in the first quarter included the Point Park Drive Project and the Town Hall basement project. Point Park Drive on the northeast side has been designated as a public road and we are in the process of having it surveyed and engineered for paving this year. Residents in the area will receive notification letters prior to the paving.

The Town Council has requested bids for finishing the basement of the Town Hall. When finished we will have rooms for the Heritage Committee, Water Quality Committee, Conservancy, Clear Lake Association, Lions Club, and the Town Hall.

As we approach the summer season 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 harbinger;
- 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](http://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,
  - 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.

## **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,
- Please, 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

### **CLEAR LAKE ...A PLACE TO REMEMBER**

The inventory of books remains around 140. You may still purchase at: Clear Lake Town Hall, Fremont and Angola Libraries, Bonnie Brown (40 Powhattan Court, Round Lake) and Susie Compo (#414 Lake Drive).

### **MARSHAL REPORT**

Spring is here in full swing and there has been some activity with residents returning from the warmer weather locations. It was an extremely snowy season and our police vehicle got a real workout on some days.

Around the county, there have been several burglaries to homes and some of those were on lakes. Not all but some were seasonal properties. Please keep a close watch on your neighbor's properties and report any suspicious activity. There has been some more interest in developing a more organized Neighborhood Watch and I expect there to be a meeting this spring for those who are interested. I will be attending the National Sheriff's Association conference in St. Louis in June and one of the topics is Neighborhood Watch. I hope to get some more ideas on how to fully implement this with the challenges of seasonal properties that Clear Lake presents.

As you may have seen in the news, the Sheriff's Department received \$15,000 in LARE funds for patrolling the lakes. This is half of what they usually receive. The Sheriff was originally told he would receive no monies from the fund and after some calls to some state official's, it was changed to the \$15,000 amount. This cut in funding will significantly decrease the hours the Marine Patrol can spend on Clear Lake. I will increase our officer's hours in the boat patrolling the lake while on duty if possible. I will know more details in the coming weeks when I can sit down with the Marine Patrol and work things out.

Once again, we look forward to serving you and look forward to another safe summer at Clear Lake.

John Gonya  
Town Marshal

### **MAN WHO SCUFFLED WITH POLICE GETS 23 YEARS**

Monday, February 14th, 2011 A man who was shot by a Steuben County Sheriff's deputy last April near Fremont as the deputy was being dragged by the suspects vehicle was given a total prison sentence of 23 years on Monday in Steuben Circuit Court.

47-year-old Charles Gregory Moore pled guilty to a Class C felony of battery with a deadly weapon, a Class D felony of public indecency and for being a habitual offender. He got eight years on the battery count, three years for public indecency and 12 years on the habitual offender enhancement. Moore had previous convictions going back almost two decades including one for public indecency in Steuben County back in 1995. All other charges were dropped in exchange for the guilty pleas and the length of the sentence was left up to Judge Allen Wheat.

The judge scolded Moore before handing down the sentence. He told Moore he has had chance after chance to turn his life around and that Moore's time was up. Moore spoke for almost 20 minutes. He said he was disgusted with himself and was ashamed of his record. Moore was arrested after getting into a fight with deputy Michael Meeks on State Road 120 and Van Guilder Road while the deputy was trying to arrest him. Meeks went there on a report Moore had exposed himself in the Clear Lake area. The incident happened one day after Moore allegedly exposed himself in front of two girls in an Angola store.

Source: WLKI News

## THE INDIANA SHAKEOUT

While not widely discussed, several of the largest historical earthquakes to strike the continental United States occurred in the winter of 1811-1812 along the New Madrid Seismic Zone, which stretches from just west of Memphis, Tennessee into southern Illinois. These earthquakes produced at least three temblors between magnitude 7-8, and hundreds of aftershocks.

In 2011 and 2012, there will be events held throughout the central United States observing the 200th Anniversary of the great 1811 and 1812 New Madrid earthquakes that forever changed the mid-western landscape. These quakes were felt across the U.S. and as far south as the Gulf of Mexico, and as far north as Canada. Organizations from across the United States will participate in the bicentennial events, which range from conferences, workshops, public outreach events, multi-state earthquake exercises, field trips, and more.

In this regard, Indiana has developed an event called the Indiana ShakeOut which will include drills and on-line seminars where individuals, businesses and communities can participate. The event in Indiana is sponsored by FEMA, the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, the Central United States Earthquake Consortium, and the Indiana Geological Survey and will take place on April 19<sup>th</sup>. More information about the event is available and, you may sign up to participate by accessing the following link <http://www.in.gov/dhs/3536.htm>. Some of the key suggestions from the State for citizens to explore include:

**Make your home safer to be in during earthquakes and more resistant to earthquake damage by assessing its structure and contents.** Depending on when and how it was designed and built, the structure you live in may have weaknesses that make it more vulnerable to earthquakes. Common examples include structures not anchored to their foundations or having weak crawl space walls, un-braced pier-and-post foundations, or un-reinforced masonry walls or foundations.

**If you own your home, find and correct any such weaknesses, yourself or with professional help.** If you are a renter, ask what has been done to strengthen the property against earthquakes, and consider this information in deciding where to rent. If you are building or buying a home, make sure that it complies with the seismic provisions of your local building code.

**What is in your home can be as or more dangerous and damage-prone than the structure itself.** Any unsecured objects that can move, break, or fall as an earthquake shakes your home are potential safety hazards and potential property losses. Walk through each room of your home and make note of these items, paying particular attention to tall, heavy, or expensive objects such as bookcases, home electronics, appliances (including water heaters), and items hanging from walls or ceilings. Secure these items with flexible fasteners, such as nylon straps, or with closed hooks, or by relocating them away from beds and seating, to lower shelves, or to cabinets with latched doors. Ensure that plumbers have installed flexible connectors on all gas appliances

**React Safely:** Hold periodic family drills to practice what you have learned. Through practice, you can condition yourselves to react spontaneously and safely when the first jolt or shaking is felt.

**Take Cover:** In each room of your home, identify the safest places to “drop, cover, and hold on” during an earthquake. Practice going to these safe spots during family drills to ensure that everyone learns where they are.

**Survive on Your Own:** Assemble and maintain a household emergency supply kit, and be sure that all family members know where it is stored. The kit should consist of one or two portable containers (e.g., plastic tubs, backpacks, duffel bags) holding the supplies that your family would need to survive without outside assistance for at least 3 days following an earthquake or other disaster. Make additional, smaller kits to keep in your car(s) and at your place(s) of work.

**Stay in Contact List:** addresses, telephone numbers, and evacuation sites for all places frequented by family members (e.g., home, workplaces, and schools). Include the phone number of an out-of-state contact. Ensure that family members carry a copy of this list, and include copies in your emergency supply kits.

**Care for People, Pets, and Property:** Get training in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) through your local chapter of the American Red Cross. Find out where you could shelter your pet should it become necessary to evacuate your home. Ensure that family members know how and when to call 9-1-1, how to use your home fire extinguisher, and how, where, and when to shut off your home’s utilities (water, natural

gas, and electricity). Ask your state insurance commissioner about the availability of earthquake insurance in your state

While a major earthquake has not occurred at Clear Lake in recent recorded history, residents can recall feeling a light tremor recently and the time to prepare for such an event is not as it is occurring. Over 325,000 Indiana residents have already enrolled in the Indiana ShakeOut. It is easy to do and there is no cost for registration.

David Harris

### WATER QUALITY NEWS UPDATE

While we want to offer an official SPRING WELCOME to all Clear Lakers, as of this date, March 26, 2011, it still seems to loom in the distance with temperatures just in the 30's. Hopefully, by the time you receive this newsletter, we can honestly extend a warm, sunny WELCOME BACK to all of those who have been elsewhere for the winter months.

Throughout the fall and winter seasons, your Clear Lake Conservancy Water Quality Committee has continued to work on projects related to the Lake and River Enhancement (LARE) grant program. Members have been developing methods and materials intended to keep awareness high, offering reminders to "Help Keep Clear Lake Clear." As we get closer to summer and throughout the upcoming lake season, please continue to watch for educational notes and reminders in the Clear Lake Newsletters, on the Clear Lake Bulletin Board, in fliers distributed through the Lion's Club and in 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.

Members of The Clear Lake Water Quality committee are continually working to stay informed and to be proactive in the best interest of Clear Lake. Anyone interested in attending a meeting or becoming a member of the committee please contact Annie Skinner at 495-0124 or Mary Jo Fitzenrider at 495-4180.

To help us stay abreast of the latest topics of interest and areas for concern regarding Indiana's lakes, two of our Water Quality Committee members participated in the annual Indiana Lakes Management Society (ILMS) Conference held on March 25-26 at The Pokagon State Park lodge. Workshop leaders and participants from across Indiana gathered to share concerns and discuss management plans to improve the declining levels of water quality in many of our state's lakes, streams and reservoirs.

In many cases, our health and welfare depends on the level of water quality we encounter each day, be it the water we drink or that which we enjoy for swimming, fishing and boating. In addition, recent research indicates that water quality is likely the most important factor in determining property value for those who live on or near a lake. While not always readily apparent, every action we take on land impacts the surrounding water it drains into. It is up to us to be good stewards of the resources we have.

As an indicator that Clear Lake is indeed carrying forth with positive stewardship, we are proud to announce that The Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy received the Indiana Lakes Management Society award for "Outstanding Lake/Watershed Association of the Year 2010." The inscription on the award reads, "For promoting and encouraging the understanding and comprehensive management of lakes and reservoirs and their watershed ecosystems." So kudos to the Water Quality Committee for its hard work and on-going commitment to preserve and protect Clear Lake and its surrounding ecosystem.

Anyone who wishes to become directly involved with monitoring water quality in the inlets that drain into Clear Lake can become a trained water monitor volunteer. Two Hoosier River Watch volunteer monitoring workshops are being offered through the St. Joe Watershed Initiative. Dates for the closest workshops being held in Fort Wayne are April 16 and June 21. Participants need to pre-register by contacting Sharon Hall at 260-484-5949- Ext. 120 or at sharon.hall@in.nacdnet.net.

To help ensure that we maintain the CLEAR in CLEAR LAKE, the Water Quality Committee supports the Clear Lake Phosphorus-Free Lawn Fertilizer Ordinance by reminding those who fertilize their lawns to use only PHOSPORUS FREE (P-FREE) fertilizer. P-Free is readily available at nearly all the local retailers in Fremont and Angola. Most lawn care services provide phosphorus-free applications upon request. Many services are now recommending only P-Free fertilizers on lawns close to lake and/or stream water. For those who purchase and apply their own fertilizer, it is the middle number on the bag that indicates the phosphorus content; for P-Free fertilizer, that number should be zero (e.g., 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 or grass clippings into the lake, ditches or channels that feed into the lake. Fortunately, 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 species 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.

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.

Please take the opportunity to participate in our local government by attending regularly scheduled meetings. Be an active supporter of our local organizations that promote programs to maintain the quality of our lake water and our Clear Lake way of life.

Mary Jo Fitzenrider

### **HEY KIDS!**

Knee-high Naturalists will again welcome you to explore nature around our beautiful Clear Lake. Each Wednesday morning in July there will be an activity for children ages 5-12 to find out more about the natural wonders all around us! Plan on joining us. Details will be in the next newsletter. This program is sponsored by the Clear Lake Township Nature Conservancy and is free.



## **BOATER SAFETY CLASS**

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

***Conducted by Jim Kidd***

**June 11, 2011**

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

**CLEAR LAKE TOWN HALL**

**This class qualifies as a boating education class for those under age 16. Take the class, pass the test, and leave with your certificate. Open to everyone 11 and older. We encourage parents and Grandparents to attend. \*All materials and lunch will be provided FREE.**

**CALL David Harris @ 260-495-3180 BY JUNE 4<sup>th</sup> TO ENROLL**

### **ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLING**

We now have two locations available for aluminum can recycling, both of which benefit local charities. The Clear Lake Lions Club collects cans besides the building at 6930 N 875 E. The Steuben County Humane Society is now also collecting cans at their facility on County Road 200 W.

# CLEAR LAKE CALENDAR

## APRIL 2011

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- 11**-Town Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Town Hall
- 18**-Board of Zoning Appeals, 7:00 p.m. Town Hall
- 22**-Town Offices Closed for Good Friday

## MAY 2011

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- 2**-Plan Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Town Hall
- 9**-Town Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Town Hall
- 28**-Clear Lake Lions Chicken Barbeque, 9:00 a.m. until sold out Across from Lutheran Church
- 30**-Town Offices Closed for Memorial Day

## JUNE 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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- 4**-Heavy Trash Pick-up, 8:00 a.m.
- 11**-Boater Safety Class, 8:00 a.m. Town Hall sponsored by the Clear Lake Association
- 13**-Town Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Town Hall
- 20**-Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Town Hall

## JULY 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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- 2**-Clear Lake Lions Chicken Barbeque, 9:00 a.m. until sold out. Across from Lutheran Church
- 2**-FIREWORKS, Kasota Island, 10 p.m. sponsored by the Clear Lake Association
- 4**-Town Offices closed for July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday
- 9**-5K/10K Run/Walk, 8:00 a.m. Across from Lutheran Church, sponsored by CL Lions Club
- 11**-Town Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Town Hall
- 16**-Clear Lake Association Annual Meeting, 9:30a.m.
- 17**-Clear Lake Lions Club Car Show, Noon to 4 p.m. north shore on Lake Drive, Car raffle drawing at 3:00 p.m.
- 24**-52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ski Show, 2:00 p.m., Yacht Club

# Clear Lake Lions Club

All proceeds for local charities



# Car Raffle

**Fully restored 1964 Ford Thunderbird-Red with new black interior-390 V8  
Automatic transmission--Power steering—Power brakes**

**Tickets go on sale in April.....\$10.00 each or 12 for \$100.00**

**Drawing to be held on July 17<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 p.m. at the Clear Lake Lions Club Car Show\***

**\* Winner need not be present to win. Winner responsible for all taxes**

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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