



# Clear Lake

# NEWS

JULY - SEPTEMBER 2011

## CLEAR LAKE ASSOCIATION

As I complete my 2<sup>nd</sup> term as President of your Clear Lake Association, I would like to thank all of you for your 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 and to inform and represent the Association members in regard to proposals and activities that impact them. The board members encourage your input. Please attend this year's 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 Jim Kidd from the Steuben County Marine Patrol and lunch that was 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 38 newly trained and certified safe boaters on Clear Lake. We plan to sponsor this program again in June 2012. Way to go!

Planning for the **2011 Fireworks** continues. Please reserve Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, at dusk (approximately 10:00 pm) for the show. Please remember that no spectators will be allowed on the island and must be a minimum of 1000 feet from the show. Let's all enjoy a fun and safe evening.

The Clear Lake Association **Annual meeting** will be on Saturday morning, July 16<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30am. This year we will be having the meeting at our town hall located on Gecowets Drive. Come early and have some coffee and donuts. Loretta Smart, Steuben County Commissioner who represents our geographical district is scheduled to attend for a question and answer period. Your opinions and suggestions are important to the continuing success of your association.

Have a great summer!  
Rick Behnfeldt

## TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

What a start to the summer! On May 29<sup>th</sup> we experienced one of the severest storms we have seen on Clear Lake. There was considerable damage to trees, homes and garages. There were no tornado warnings as the weather service radar did not indicate any tornados. We did have straight line winds of 60 M.P.H. and a downburst on the west side of the lake. This caused most of our damage. After the storms several crews were out removing trees and debris off of the roads and on personal property.

When the power was restored the town had several problems with our sewer grinders. We had to replace or repair 33 pumps and 9 circuit boards. Many of the grinder lights came on because they were full and some had backup into their homes.

We all need to remember that when the power goes out there is no power to the grinder so they do not work unless you have a separate line to a generator. Flush only when it is necessary.

Our survey work is completed for the Point Park area. The maps are finished and so are the legal descriptions. We should have the papers for the owners to sign for the right-of-ways in the coming weeks. The paving of the road

will then be put out for bids. Depending on the costs for this project, if there is money left in our budget we will then begin work in the Arcadia Beach area. All paving work will begin in the fall.

The Steuben County Emergency Management Department, Sheriff Department, Indiana State Police, EMS of Indiana and Ohio, and the Census Bureau have all voiced concerns about street names/signs in the Town of Clear Lake. With intersections of Lake Drive and Lake Drive causing confusion and possible delays in emergency situations, this has prompted the need to change some of the street names in the corporation.

A committee was formed to review the current situation and make recommendations to the Town. It was the committee's intent to retain Lake Drive as the primary road around the lake and keep changes to a minimum. The committee members are Barry Worl, Clear Lake Town Council; Bob Hull, Town of Clear lake Superintendent; Bonnie Brown, Clear Lake resident; Bob Lewis, Town Council President; John Gonya, Town Marshal; Eric Hufnagle, Fremont Fire Department Chief; Emma Brown, Clear Lake resident; and Rick Behnfeltdt, Clear Lake resident.

Here are the proposed changes. We begin at the west corporation line just before Penner Drive and proceed clockwise around the lake.

1. 750 N and 700N (road number changes at the curve) becomes Lakeview Drive to the east corporation line. Cottages-7955 E, 7975 E, 7985 E, 8010 E, 8065 E, 8085 E, 260 to 293 are affected.
2. Lake Drive from the Spangler's Nature Preserve, going south to the public beach remains the same
3. Lake Drive cottages-294 to 297-becomes Prospect Street
4. Lake Drive cottages-303A & 307A-becomes Maple Street
5. Lake Drive cottages-416 to 464-becomes Point Park Drive
6. Lake Drive cottage-509-becomes Sandpoint Road
7. Lake Drive at the public beach becomes Riddle Beach
8. Outer Drive at the public beach becomes Lake Drive. Cottages-100,(General Store & Pub) 105,108,109,114,116,118, &132 are affected
9. Channel Drive cottages 110,111,112, &114 becomes Lake Drive
10. Lake Drive cottages 631 to 662 in Arcadia becomes Lakeside Court
11. Terrace Drive—No changes
12. Chapel Drive-No changes
13. Buck Point Drive-No changes
14. Fountain Beach-No changes
15. Joann Court-No changes
16. John Court-No changes
17. Gecowets Drive-No changes
18. Lake Drive from 1121 to County Road 700 becomes Gary Road
19. Marina Entrance Cottage & Marina will have County Road 700 addresses
20. Lake Drive begins at cottage 10 and continues to 259A
21. Private drive on the west side of the channel from 100 to 116 becomes Sunset Bay Court
22. Private drive on the east side of the channel from 116A to 130 becomes Billings Court
23. County Road from the Yacht Club west to 700 changes to Rieke Road, cottage 185

The next step is for the committee to submit the proposed changes to the Plan Commission for approval and/or changes. The Plan Commission will send recommendations to the Town Council. The Town Council will vote on the changes and if approved an ordinance will be prepared renaming the streets. A public hearing will be held by either the Plan Commission or the Town Council. It is our hope to have this process completed by January 1, 2012. If you have questions please call committee members.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer here at Clear Lake.

Thank You  
Bob Lewis, President

## MARSHAL'S REPORT

The storm that brought in summer 2011 was the talk of the town and county this year. That was a devastating storm with little to no warning. Many residents have expressed concerns about there not being any warning sirens prompting people to take shelter. I met with Emergency Management Director Bill Brown the night of the storms and again a few days after. Since there was no indication of rotation in the radar images, no eye witness spotting of rotation or funnel clouds, the policy that is in place dictates that no siren will be sounded. The Town of Clear Lake can set their siren off without the County's help by activating it from Town Hall. This has not been done in years due to the County being able to remotely sound the siren. I will test the ability of us activating the siren soon, most likely in coordination with the monthly test the County performs.

The "down bursts" or "straight line winds" are not something the radar in North Webster could detect. However, many residents have told me that there were many indicators in the sky leading up to the storm that should have prompted residents and boaters to take shelter. Please remember to watch for darkening and color changes in the skies and clouds, thunder/lightning in the distance, and increased winds. I would also recommend subscribing to a local (Fort Wayne) news service for text messages about inclement weather. Indiana News Center, WANE TV, and WMEE and others provide this service for free.

On another note, please remember to lock your vehicles and remove valuable items while at the lake. We have experienced some thefts from vehicles at other lakes so far this year and I would like to prevent it from happening again here at Clear Lake.

Once again, I look forward to serving you through this summer season and wish everyone a happy and safe summer.

John Gonya  
Town Marshal

## CLEAR LAKE YACHT CLUB EVENTS OPEN TO ALL

The Clear Lake Yacht Club is hosting two fun events this summer that are open to the entire Clear Lake community.

First, the Rockin' Ribfest will be Saturday, July 23. A privileged group of judges will determine who makes the best ribs on Clear Lake. Later, **Wally and the Beavs** will play your favorite classic rock. Tickets are available at <http://wallyandthebeavs.eventbrite.com> for \$20. The rib dinner is included (cash bar).

The next big event is our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Beer & Wine Tasting and Live Auction on Saturday, August 6. This open-to-the-public night will feature an opportunity to sample some great beers and wines. You will also have a chance to bid on fantastic auction items, like dinner with Prince William and Princess Kate. That's not really one of the items, but the actual items will be cool like that. Tickets are \$25 at the door. Proceeds will benefit the Yacht Club Building Fund to cover some major structural repairs to the Clear Lake Yacht Club. Whether you're a member of the Yacht Club, or not, we'd love for you to join us for both of these events!

## COME AND LEARN ABOUT CLEAR LAKE AND ITS SUB-WATERSHEDS

The Lake and River Enhancement (LARE) grant report will be presented Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 7pm at Clear Lake Town Hall. The Davey Resource Group consultant, Chad Appleman, will explain the study, show the results and update the progress on the report's recommendations.

### **Water Testing increases on Clear Lake**

- Hoosier Riverwatch volunteers from Clear Lake
  - continue to test the 4 county controlled ditch inlets and
  - Started testing 3 other inlets
- Steuben County Lakes Council Water Quality Program provides certified lab testing in the county and
  - tested Clear Lake outlet and Cyrus Brouse Ditch inlet last summer
  - This summer are adding the other 3 county ditch inlets
- Members of water quality committee trained with *Indiana Clean Lakes Program* in May. Lake testing has started. Read about the program at: [www.indiana.edu/~clp](http://www.indiana.edu/~clp)

### **It's All About Water Quality**

Lake property values are directly impacted by water quality. Just consider Grand Lake in Saint Mary's, Ohio. Lake ecosystems, the biological community of interacting organisms and their physical environment, are also directly impacted by water quality. Everything in and around a lake depends on the water quality in its watershed. Here is how you can help:

- If you must fertilize, do so sparingly. Do not fertilize next to the lake.
- Use only non-phosphorous fertilizer.
- Keep grass and leaves out of the lake.
- Keep all yard waste out of wet areas around the lake. They are the kidneys for Clear Lake.
- Properly dispose of used motor oil and all other chemicals.
- If you trailer watercraft to different bodies of water, you may transport invasive plant and animal species to Clear Lake. Clean your boat of all plant and plant parts and remove accumulated water before arriving at next location.

## KEEPING THE "CLEAR" IN CLEAR LAKE

**A "Neck-High" Naturalist Adventure *Saturday, July 9, 2011 10:30 -12:00 AM***

Our kids – the Knee-High Naturalists – have participated in this adventure hike in the past and now it is our turn. It is time for the adults - the "Neck-High" Naturalists - to learn more about: **"The Kidneys of Clear Lake"**. It is our surrounding **wetland areas** that filter the incoming flow of water into our lake and work to keep it pure and clean.

Nate Simons, Director of Blue Heron Ministries and Northeast Indiana expert in land restoration, will lead us in an informational session about how wetlands work to maintain water quality. We will then take a short hike up to one of the Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy properties at Koeneman Lake to view the whole process in action.

Meet in the Parking Lot of Clear Lake Lutheran Church, 270 Outer Drive. So that we can plan for refreshments, please RSVP your attendance to: Don Luepke [donluepke@juno.com](mailto:donluepke@juno.com) or 260 495-1253

Please make plans now to attend and bring your friends and neighbors. This is a most important first step in preserving our beautiful Clear Lake!

**THE CLEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP LAND CONSERVANCY IS AT WORK FOR YOU:**

Established in 1991, the Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy's purpose is to protect and preserve the ecosystems in the township and its watersheds through education, research and the acquisition of sensitive land, either by donation or purchase. CLTLC currently owns 10 parcels totaling over 40 acres of land.

Contributions to the CLTLC are necessary to make the following programs and expenditures possible:

**Capital Outlay Projects**

Land acquisition  
Koeneman Lake Sam Spillway repairs to prevent eminent failure  
Koneneman Lake dredging to provide ongoing sediment control  
Water testing chemicals and equipment  
Best Management Practice construction per 2009 LARE Grant Study  
Town Hall basement construction of Conservancy Meeting and Research room

**Education Programs**

Knee-High Naturalists Program  
Neck-High Naturalists Program  
Keeping the "CLEAR" in  
Clear Lake  
Naturalist and speaker  
stipends

**Operating Costs**

Liability Insurance  
Mailing costs  
Registration and Legal fees  
Printed Materials  
Website Maintenance  
Dues and Subscriptions  
Ditch Taxes

**Property Development**

Building demolition  
Property restoration  
Walking paths  
Property signage  
Survey fees

**Property Maintenance**

Tree Management-assessment, planting, trimming and damage repair  
Invasive plant species study and removal of on all Conservancy owned properties  
Mowing grassed properties  
Organic solid waste removal-grass, leaves, limbs  
Control burn of Spangler Grove  
Beaver population control

**On the occasion of our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy  
invites you to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual**

*Summer Gala*

.....an evening of casual elegance

*Saturday, July 30, 2011, 7:00 pm*

1907 Heritage Barn, 6373 Co Rd 675 N

1 mile west of the Clear Lake Yacht Club

**"Clearly Good Food" hors D'oeuvres---Complementary beverages**

**Silent Auction**

Please return your paid reservations by: Wednesday, July 20, 2001

RSVP return cards may be downloaded at:

[www.clearlakefun.org](http://www.clearlakefun.org) - Conservancy Summer Gala

**FYI.....REMINDERS.....FYI**

- Convenient Recycling
  - The Clear Lake Marina accepts used car and boat batteries and used motor oil
  - The Clear Lake Lions Club collects aluminum cans. Drop off your aluminum cans at the S&S Property Maintenance building at 6930 N 875 E, behind the fence on the northwest corner. Cans only please.
  - Roadside recycling pick-up at Clear Lake is the first Monday of each month. Contact the Town Hall if you need containers.
  - For electronics, paint and many other items visit the Northeast Indiana Solid Waste Management District, 2320 W 800 S, Ashley, IN 46705 Open to accept materials April-November, Friday morning's from 8am—12 noon Call or email for additional information 800-777-5462; E-mail: info@niswmd.org
  - NIPSCO will recycle your old working fridge or freezer—free of charge—and receive a \$35 thank you. For more information or to schedule a pick-up please visit [www.NIPSCO.com/saveenergy](http://www.NIPSCO.com/saveenergy) or call 877-341-2190
- Printing and mailing for each copy of the Clear Lake News costs \$1.36. Help us use your dues and contributions to support local organizations by receiving the "News" via email. Send your email address to [azbrown2@frontier.com](mailto:azbrown2@frontier.com) If you are no longer a Verizon.net email users please send your updated email address to this address so the Clear Lake Association records can be updated. We know that several of you did not receive notice of the "April-June Clear Lake News" availability email due to delivery failures. We'd be glad to send an email notice to parents, grandparents or others interested in Clear Lake. The Clear Lake Association will not share your email information with any other party or firm.
- "*Clear Lake ...A Place to Remember*" We expect the Clear Lake History books to sell out early this summer, be sure to get your final copies. You may still purchase books at the: Clear Lake Town Hall, Fremont Library and from Bonnie Brown: 260-495-2771, 40 Powhattan Ct, Round Lake.
- You can help extend the life of the sewer grinders by **NOT** putting grease or egg shells down your drains. It is helpful to the system if you only use liquid detergents and avoid flushing any type of diapers or tampons.
- NIPSCO offers an on-line service to report non-working street lights-[www.NIPSCO.com/streetlightout](http://www.NIPSCO.com/streetlightout). The website has an interactive map that identifies all streetlights owned or maintained by the company. It is easier if you have the pole number but it is not necessary.
- 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.
- Fireworks safety tips:
  - Kids should never play with fireworks. Sparklers can reach 1,800° Fahrenheit - hot enough to melt gold.
  - Buy only legal fireworks.
  - Never try to make your own fireworks.
  - Always use fireworks outside and have a bucket of water and a hose nearby in case of accidents.
  - Steer clear of others - fireworks have been known to backfire or shoot off in the wrong direction. Never throw or point fireworks at someone, even in jest.
  - Don't hold fireworks in your hand or have any part of your body over them while lighting.
  - Point fireworks away from homes, and keep away from brush and leaves and flammable substances.
  - Light one firework at a time (not in glass or metal containers), and **never** relight a dud.
  - Soak all fireworks in a bucket of water before throwing them in the trash can.
  - Think about your pet. Animals have sensitive ears and can be extremely frightened or stressed on the Fourth of July. Keep pets indoors to reduce the risk that they'll run loose or get injured

# CLEAR LAKE CALENDAR

## JULY 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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<b>24</b>	25	26	27	28	29	<b>30</b>
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**2**-Clear Lake Lions Chicken Barbeque, 9:00 am until sold out. Across from Lutheran Church

**2**-FIREWORKS, Kasota Island, dusk, sponsored by the Clear Lake Association

**4**-Town Offices closed for July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday

**9**-5K/10K Run/Walk, 8:00 am Across from Lutheran Church, sponsored by CL Lions Club

**9**-"Neck-High" Naturalist, 10:30 am, Lutheran Church parking lot

**11**-Town Council Meeting, 7:00 pm Town Hall

**16**-Clear Lake Association Annual Meeting, 9:30 am, Town Hall

**16**-"Neck-High Naturalist, 1:00 pm, meet at public access parking lot

**17**-Clear Lake Lions Club Car Show, Noon to 3 pm, north shore on Lake Drive, Car raffle drawing at 3:00 p.m.

**21**-L.A.R.E. Grant Study Report, 7:00 pm, Town Hall

**24**-52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ski Show, 2:00 pm, Yacht Club

**30**-CLTLC Summer Gala, 7:00 pm, 1907 Heritage Barn

## AUGUST 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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**1**- Plan Commission Meeting, 7:00 pm, Town Hall

**8**- Town Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, Town Hall

**13**-CLTLC Annual Public Board of Directors Meeting, 9:00 am, Town Hall

**15**-Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 7:00 pm, Town Hall

## SEPTEMBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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**3**-Dedication of Clear Lake Memorial Woods, 5:00 pm, intersection of Point Park Drive and Lake Drive

**3**- Clear Lake Lions Chicken Barbeque, 9:00 am until sold out. Across from Lutheran Church

**5**-Town Offices Closed for Labor Day Holiday

**12**-Town Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, Town Hall

**17-Heavy** Trash Pickup, have items roadside by 6:00 am

## **JULY 6—KEEP CLEAR LAKE CLEAR**

Nate Simons of Blue Heron Ministries will help us explore ways to keep our water quality high. (Meet at the Clear Lake Yacht Club)

## **JULY 13—BIRDS TWEET AND TWITTER**

Meet and greet them with Fred Wooley, Pokagon State Park Head Interpreter on the North shore of Round Lake. (Meet at Kramers, 7985E C. R. 750 N)

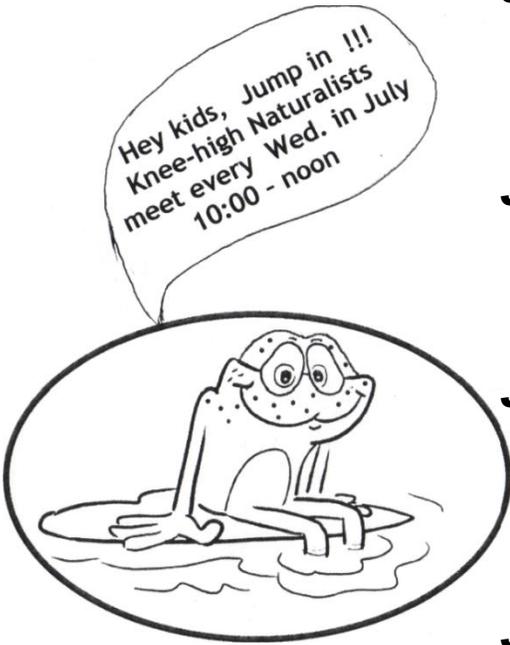
## **JULY 20—GONE FISHIN'**

With Ted Bowman, Pokagon State Park, Director and Clear Lake expert angler. Bring poles and life vests to the Clear Lake Marina. We've got the bait that will help you catch a fish!

## **JULY 27—TREES, TREES AND MORE TREES**

Recent storms have taken down some trees. Let's get to know and take care of our trees with Tom Eickholtz of the Indiana Extension Service. (Meet at the CL Yacht Club)

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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