



Clear Lake

JULY--SEPTEMBER 2012

NEWS

CLEAR LAKE 4TH OF JULY BOAT PARADE

The Clear Lake Association is sponsoring the 4th of July Boat Parade. This event will be held Saturday July 7th, 2012.

All participants and their decorated boats will meet in front of the Yacht Club at 1:30PM with the parade beginning at 2:00PM. Each parade boat will receive a door prize during registration at the Yacht Club.

Prizes will be given in three categories: Best Decorated Award, Most Patriotic Award, and Best Theme Award. Each winner will receive a \$100 Gift Certificate from the Clear Lake Association for use at the Clear Lake Marina. Judging will take place on the water during the parade.

The boats will be led from the Yacht Club to Paradise Point, then South around the East bay, and finishing at the East side of Kasota Island for the awards presentation.

Registration forms are available on the Clear Lake website www.clearlakefun.org For additional information contact Rick Behnfeldt 260-495-9906 or email me at raclearlake@hotmail.com

BUMPER CROP OF STUDENTS ATTEND CLEAR LAKE ASSOCIATION BOATER SAFETY CLASS

On Saturday June 9, 2012 your Clear Lake Association hosted the Annual Boater Safety Class at Clear Lake Town Hall. Each year we have had increased interest and attendance. This year we had a Bumper Crop of Students. It was standing room only with 45 attendees. We had the very young (age 10) to not quite so young (50 plus). Ninety percent of those attending indicated Clear Lake as their primary place for boating. We were again fortunate to have Jim Kidd with the Steuben County Sheriff's Department Marine Patrol, serve as class instructor. The course included topics that ranged from avoiding propeller strike injuries to safe skiing and tubing techniques to navigation rules for dealing with weather emergencies. The class contained beneficial information for boaters of every experience level.



While the program lasts a full day from 8:00 AM to 3:00PM, Jim brings a wealth of experience along with a video to make the class informative, interesting and fun. We all enjoyed a mid-morning break provided by Annie Skinner and a pizza and soft drink lunch from The Clear Lake Marina. Students took a final test following the instructional portion of the class. Certificates of completion were awarded at the end of the day. We are PROUD to announce we have 45 Safer Boaters on our waters.

We owe a VOTE of THANKS to the many who pitched in to make this class happen by offering "Extra Hands" before, during and after the program. Special Thanks to the Clear Lake Marina for providing the lunch and Judy

Johnston for the photos. It was, as always, a Great Team effort.

Your support for the Clear Lake Association is essential for us to continue to provide such valuable services and programs. If you haven't already done so, make sure to send in your Annual Clear Lake Association Membership Dues.

For more Boater Safety information contact: Mary Jo Fitzenrider 260-495-4180, mjfitzenri@aol.com and for Clear Lake Association Information contact Alan Brown at azbrown2@frontier.com

CLA PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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 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 the **Annual Meeting, set for July 21, at 9:30 a.m., Town Hall**. Please forward your comments, questions or concerns to the Clear Lake Association, P.O. Box 38, Fremont, Indiana 46737.

Mary Lee Gecowets, President
1040 South Clear Lake Drive 495-3519

Special thanks to....

David Harris who has served on the Association board and has been willing to serve whenever called on...you will be missed. David resigned from the board because of family time commitments. Association board members (Directors) serve a three year term. The time commitment is small but the impact can be great. Due to David's resignation we need four new directors to serve for the next three years. If you are interested in serving your community please contact me at the number above.

Mary Jo Fitzenrider, David Harris and Annie Skinner for organizing the **Boater Safety Course**. We had record attendance and filled the Town Hall meeting room. Instruction was provided by the Steuben County Marine Patrol. The class was a mix of youth and adults who enjoyed a pizza lunch from the Clear Lake Marina. All successfully passed the class and received their certificates.

Alan Brown, who serves as the Association secretary/treasurer and editor of the Clear Lake News. He does a great job of gathering information.

Clear Lake Property Owners.....who have renewed their membership in the Clear Lake Association. We have received over 325 memberships, with reminder postcards in the mail to those who have misplaced our first invitation to join and support the activities of the Association. We hope your continued support indicates the Association is meeting our goals and providing benefit to the Clear Lake community.

TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

The second quarter was somewhat quiet for April and May but activity has increased in June with the arrival of more residents back for the summer.

LEGISLATION

The Council passed the Resolution to Implement Anti-Nepotism policy for Employment and Contracting with the Town of Clear Lake. This was mandated by the state. We also passed our 7th Amendment to the UDO covering sections 05, 09, 11 & Definitions. Most of the changes were minor, however it should be noted that new installation of generators will have to be connected to the sewer.

STREET RENAMING

This project is complete and you will be able to have a map on your new directory that shows the changes. The directories will be available in the coming weeks. If you had a number change in your address you need to get the new number on your mailbox or the new postal carrier will not deliver your mail.

LEAF PICKUP

We had our spring leaf pickup on May 8th & 9th. We will now have our own Leaf-Vac for this coming fall. This will give us more flexibility in our leaf pick-up. With this service there should not be a need to burn leaves or dispose of them in ditches or any of our wetlands.

SEWER

As many of you know we had some problems with our main connection at the Town Hall. A new line, valves and connectors are being installed and all work should be done by the 4th of July. We will also be purchasing different pumps in the future to replace pumps that break down. We hope to get a longer life out of these new pumps. When you leave for the winter please remember to fill your grinder with as much water as possible. This is preventative maintenance for our system.

SOUND SYSTEM

The Town Council will be replacing our present sound system used in the town hall. The new system will complete the work that was done when the Town Hall was built. The new system will allow us to provide audio recordings of all public hearings that can be transcribed. The system comes with 5 microphones for the council and one for the podium. There will also be a direct input to the TV. An 8 channel amplifier and audio recorder capable of producing digital recordings which can be played on MP3 players or computers complete the system. This system will comply with state of Indiana code requirements.

PAVING

Our paving will begin in the next few weeks. We will be paving the following streets: Lakeside Court, the Channel Drive area, Sandpoint Road, Prospect Street, John Court and Joann Court.

SEVERE WEATHER SIRENS

All the new sirens are installed and operational. When they are tested this summer I am sure you will hear the difference.

BURN BAN

As you know we are under a burn ban in Steuben County. "The ban includes but is not limited to camp fires, fire pits, burning brush, trash fires, burn barrels or any open air burning and includes the use of fireworks." This remains in effect until we receive enough rain to turn the vegetation green. We will keep you updated on this ban. As a reminder this is our Fireworks Ordinance:

Fireworks that are 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 Year's Eve (Dec. 31/Jan. 1) 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Thank You. Have a safe summer.

Bob Lewis, President
Clear Lake Town Council

Marshal's Report

Summer is in full swing and it has proven to be hot and dry so far. The county commissioners were forced to issue a burn ban and declare a state of emergency because of the drought conditions. The lake is extremely low for this time of year so use caution when boating and watch for shallow areas that usually are not a problem.

We have received several complaints of speeding vehicles around the lake this summer. There has been a marked increase in bikers, walkers, and golf carts on the roads around Clear Lake and their safety is our top priority. Our officers will be strictly enforcing the speed limits so please drive with due caution around the lake.

Please remember to keep all valuables out of sight if not out of the vehicle and lock the doors. The area lakes continue to get hit with what is called "car hopping" thefts. "Car hopping" is going from vehicle to vehicle to see if they are unlocked and going through them to get what valuables that can be grabbed. If something of value is left in the open in a locked car, they will break the window to get to it. Take the extra time to remove those items and place them in your residence when at the lake. Please remind your guests to do the same. This includes window mounted GPS units which seem to be the item that is taken most.

Have a safe summer!

John Gonya
Town Marshal

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE DESK OF THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Comprehensive Plan Update

The Town of Clear Lake has kicked-off a process to update the existing 2006 Comprehensive Plan. A Steering Committee will work with the Zoning Administrator to oversee this process which includes a

demographic update, a values survey, acknowledgment of accomplishments since 2006, improved maps, and any changes to the policy and objective statements deemed necessary.

Be sure to take a few minutes and let us know where you stand on various issues in Clear Lake by completing the Values Survey for the 2012 Comprehensive Plan Update. The Values Survey will be included in the Lions Club packet that is distributed door-to-door (with the Clear Lake Directory). The Values Survey can also be found on the Town's Website (www.townofclearlake.org) and on the Clear Lake Bulletin Board (www.clearlakeindiana.org/bulletinboard). Once completed, be sure to get your survey to the Town Hall by the August 1, 2012 deadline.

Unified Development Ordinance Amendment

The Clear Lake Town Council recently adopted an amendment to the UDO. In a nutshell, the amendment does the following:

- Prohibits above ground swimming pools
- Changes the impervious coverage ratio of brick paver surfaces to 90%
- Permits generators in the street yard if the generator is screened with vegetation and/or a decorative barrier
- Requires an Improvement Location Permit for the installation of exterior mechanical equipment

The Earlier, the Better!

Thinking about a room addition? Modifying a deck? Or adding a new shed? It's never too early to find out what the Clear Lake regulations are for your project and if a permit is required. PLEASE give me a call (260) 495-9158 or send me an e-mail (zoning@townofclearlake.org) BEFORE starting your project around the lake.

CLEAR LAKE LIONS CLUB

The Clear Lake Lion's Club needs your help. All of the income (except for a 5% retainer for administrative costs) we generate through our events---Tent Rentals, 5K-10K Run/Walk, Chicken BBQ, Aluminum Can Collections, etc.—is given away each year.

In 2012 we gave financial support to the Lion's Leader Dog, Indiana Eye Bank & Wheel Chair Funds; five Fremont High School seniors scholarships funds for college, Fremont Fire Department, Project HELP, Rise, Inc., Well Child Clinic and several other local organizations and individuals in need.

We are actively recruiting new members, both Lions and Lionesses to join in and help with our events. We meet the first and third Tuesday of each month from April thru October at Dona's Buffet in Fremont. Come join us at a meeting as our guest or contact any Clear Lake Lion's Club member or President Rick Corcimiglia—833-3758 or 495-9024 for more information and a membership application.

“WHAT HAPPENS ON LAND AT CLEAR LAKE DOES NOT ALWAYS STAY ON LAND AT CLEAR LAKE.”

All too often our actions on the land, surrounding Clear Lake, have a negative impact on the water quality in Clear Lake. PLEASE continue to be a good steward of our lake waters and follow the guidelines given below to maintain a clean Clear Lake.

Quality Tips for a Healthy Clean Lake

- If you must fertilize do so sparingly and use only NON-PHOSPHORUS Fertilizer
- Leave a Strip of UNFERTILIZED lawn along the lake edge
- Keep Leaves, Grass and other Yard Waste 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 or any other chemical (Clear Lake Marina will dispose of used motor oil)
- The Northeast Indiana Solid Waste Management District (NISWMD) can take care of almost any disposal need. Contact www.niswmd.org for location and hours
- Promptly wipe up spillage of gasoline or oil when adding to any water craft
- Feeding ducks and geese can be fun, but water fowl waste is PHOSPHORUS enriched
- Help STOP the spread of INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES: Thoroughly rinse any water craft and trailer BEFORE and AFTER entering or exiting a lake, river or stream.

Keep Clear Lake Clean

Please refrain from dumping yard waste in open spaces: Wetlands, Conservancy Properties and Roadside Areas. Take your yard waste to the Northeast Indiana Solid Waste Management District Steuben County Yard Waste Compost Facility which is in operation year round located at CR 175 N., NW of Angola, adjacent to Steuben County 4H Fairgrounds. The Compost Facility will accept:

- grass clippings
- leaves
- brush

But cannot accept

- stumps or
- land clearing materials

The Steuben County lot is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM until 7:00 PM and Saturday from 8:00 AM until 3:00 PM. For Information -260-587-3063 or www.niswmd.org

REMINDERS:

- There has been some discussion about the "correct" side of the road for walking and biking at Clear Lake.
 - When walking on a road that doesn't have a shoulder, the walker should be on the left side or walking against traffic.
 - Bike riders should ride with the flow of traffic.
- Watch where you park around the lake. Automobile catalytic converters can be very hot and can start a fire. Be alert when parking on grassy areas during our extreme dry spell.
- 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 and third Monday of each month. Contact the Town Hall if you need containers.
- Printing and mailing for each copy of the Clear Lake News costs \$1.40. 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 We can 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.
- Now that summer is here and there is more vehicle and pedestrian traffic on our streets. Please remember we all need to watch our speed as we travel around the town with the increased population. The Speed Limit is 25 mph unless otherwise posted. Our Town Marshals are patrolling the Town's streets to enforce our traffic laws. Let's all slow down for the safety of everyone.
- Automatic external defibrillators (AED's) are located at these locations in the Clear Lake community:
 - Clear Lake Bible Church
 - Clear Lake Lutheran Church
 - Clear Lake Marina
 - Clear Lake Town Hall
 - St. Paul Catholic Chapel
 - In addition the Town Marshal and all Steuben County Sheriff vehicles carry an AED

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS...WALKING THE SQUARE

The Tom Shank Family, in our efforts to support the Alzheimer's Association encourages you to participate in the donation prize drawing and "Circle of Friends...Walking the Square". Five drawings for five great prizes. Ten dollar donation = one ticket; twenty-five dollar donation = three tickets; fifty dollar donation = seven tickets; one hundred dollar donation = fifteen tickets. Prizes are a Clear Lake Custom Quilt, (see photo at photobucket.com/dadwalk), an Apple iPad 2, a Tandem Bicycle, a Connelly Fast Trak Towable Tube, and a 19" Toshiba LED Television. You need not be present to win.

The 'Walk for Dad' will start at the Shank cottage-#384 with registration at 8:30 am and the walk starting at 9:00 am on Saturday July 7, 2012. You can also send a check payable to Alzheimer's Walk for Dad to Laura Shank Story, 11411 Estero Trail, Fort Wayne IN 46845 For more information call 495-2061.

HEAVY TRASH PICK-UP DO'S AND DON'TS

From our Trash Company - Sanitation Solutions - as to what they will or will not accept during the "Heavy Trash" pick-up on September 15, 2012 and in the future:

They will **NOT** accept:

- Anything longer than 4'
- Concrete products
- Tires
- Batteries
- Refrigerators-even tagged they are too big
- Railroad ties
- Yard Waste
- Hazardous waste materials (includes Paint)
- Building materials

They **WILL** accept:

- Box springs and mattresses
- Other furniture (less than 4' long)
- TV's and other small appliances
- Tagged air conditioners
- Everyday trash

If you have specific questions please contact the Town Hall @ 260.495.9158 and they will check with Sanitation Solutions.

Your hazardous waste such as computers, electronics, fluorescent lights, batteries, motor oil, paint, weed killers, and chemicals may be recycled at The Northeast Indiana Solid Waste Management District, located near Ashley, IN on State Rd 4, one mile East of I-69. They are open on Fridays from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon; their web site has more information: niswmd.org/hhw_residential.htm



CLEAR LAKE CALENDAR

JULY 2012

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- 4--Town Offices closed for July 4th Holiday
- 6--FIREWORKS at dusk. Sponsored by the Clear Lake Association
- 7--Clear Lake Lions Chicken Barbeque, 9:00 a.m. until sold out. Across from Lutheran Church
- 7—"Walk for Dad" Shank Cottage #384, 8:30 am Registration, 9:00 am Walk, 10:00 am
- 7--Fireworks rain date.
- 9--Town Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Town Hall
- 14--5K/10K Run/Walk, 8:00 a.m. Across from Lutheran Church, sponsored by CL Lions Club
- 21--Clear Lake Association Annual Meeting, 9:30a.m. Town Hall
- 29-53rd Annual Ski Show, 2:00 p.m., Yacht Club

AUGUST 2012

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- 6-- Plan Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
- 13--Town Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
- 20--Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall

SEPTEMBER 2012

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- 3--Town Offices Closed for Labor Day Holiday
- 4--Trash pick-up (delayed due to the Labor Day Holiday)
- 10--Town Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
- 15--Heavy Trash Pickup, 6:00 a.m.



JULY 11—FROGS, TURTLES AND SNAKES, OH MY!

Get to know them better with Fred Wooley, Head Interpreter from Pokagon State Park. Meet at Yacht Club. Be prepared to wade.

JULY 18—BIRDS 'N BATS

Come and see how and where these flying creatures live and how they help us! Bring bat stories to share with Naturalist Marjorie Hershman. Meet on north shore of Round Lake (Kramer's, 120 Lakeview Dr.)

JULY 25—MAKE FRIENDS WITH A TREE

Storms and ash borers have taken away some of the trees from our shores. Come and learn about and befriend a tree! (Old Town hall Park)

Free sessions sponsored by Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy

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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