



Clear Lake

NEWS

JULY - SEPTEMBER 2013

CLEAR LAKE TOWN COUNCIL

The second quarter this year saw the council pass four Ordinances and three Resolutions. Most of this legislation was updating previous legislation. New legislation brought forth Resolution 02 2013 – A Resolution providing a Plan for Compliance with Title 2 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ADA. This was required for all communities.

The Town is in the process of completing the installation of its new sound system. This was done with the help of the Clear Lake Association. The Association is also working with the Town to bring The Little Free Library to the Clear Lake Community. This will be constructed at the Town Hall and will allow residents to give and share books and video materials with the community.

If you have seen Bob Hull, our superintendent, more frequently this year it's because he is now working full time for the Town of Clear Lake. This gives us more coverage and flexibility in getting various projects. (I.e. leaf pickup).

As many of you know the Bridge over the channel to Round Lake has a significant bump each year. The road on each side seems to settle each year. When this happens we call the Steuben County Highway out to put paving on each side. This has become an annual event.

There has been a lot of discussion on what should be done on West Clear Lake Drive. Some of the suggestions are:

1. Keep the road the same and let Steuben County continue repairing the road each year.
2. Close the road to auto traffic and allow only pedestrians, bikes, & golf carts etc. Cars would use Penner Drive.
3. Close the road to all traffic, Take the bridge out. Provide sidewalk to Penner Drive.

We are interested in your thoughts. Just send a note to Clear Lake Town Hall 111 Gecowets Drive, Fremont, IN 46737 or E-Mail—bob.lewis@townofclearlake.org

If you call the Town Hall now you will notice that we have a new employee Brenda Eby. Laura has taken a new position in Kendallville. Brenda comes to us with all the needed qualifications for the billing position. We are very fortunate to have Brenda as our billing clerk.

Fireworks this year will be in the area on West Clear Lake Drive on July 5th.

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

HOT TIMES ON THE LAKE

So, the first official weekend of summer ended up being the first unofficial weekend of summer also, as the temperatures finally climbed into the 80's and 90's and people hit the lake, surrounding the island with pontoons and speedboats. Up until now, it's been either too cold, or rainy, or something, to keep all but a few die-hards off of the water. Good to see the summers kick-off, finally.

Lots of summer activities as always:

- The annual Boater Safety class, sponsored by the Association and presented by the DNR was attended by twenty-eight people on June 8 at the Clear Lake Town Hall. All twenty-eight students passed their exam. The students (and their parents) were extremely well-behaved and listened attentively, asking excellent questions, which led to the 100% pass rate. Pizza was prepared by the Clear Lake Pizza King and was provided to the Association at a discount. It was a very productive and educational day for all the participants. The next class will be on June 9, 2014 same place, same time,
- The Fourth of July weekend will offer the traditional fireworks display on July 5, again this year the display will be shot from the road on the west side of the lake. West Clear Lake Drive will be closed between Penn Acres and the old Clear Lake Lodge during the show to assure all goes off safely. The detour around this barricade will take drivers through Penn Acres and will not provide any significant inconvenience.
- The Boat Parade will be held July 6 and this year trophies will be provided for the winners. There is sign up information on the clearlakeindiana.org website or you can contact Rick Behnfeldt for more information.
- The annual Clear Lake Association Meeting will be held at the Town Hall on July 20 at 9:30 at the Clear Lake Town Hall. The meeting will feature updates concerning the activities and projects of the Association and other organizations that benefit Clear Lake including the Yacht Club, The CLTLC, The Clear Lake Town Council, the Ski Club and the Lions Club,

Remember that the guiding activities of the Association are listed below. These are general in nature and we will do our best to prioritize those activities that seem to reflect the strongest concerns of our residents.

- Support projects that add value to the Clear Lake Community
- Initiate activities that will provide additional benefits to the Clear Lake Community
- Support and encourage organizations that are important to a viable Clear Lake Community
- Inform the Association members about the deliberations and actions of the Clear Lake Town Council and its boards.
- Represent Clear Lake on the Steuben County Lakes Council and support its efforts to preserve the ecology of the lakes.

The directors of the Clear Lake Association work hard to represent Clear Lake residents and are listed below:

Kit Tyler, President

Mike Long, First Vice President

Alan Brown, Secretary/Treasurer

Rick Behnfeldt

Mary Jo Fitzenrider

Mary Lee Gecowets

Alan Korte

George McCracken

Cathleen Nevin

Bruce Spangler

Please feel free to contact any of these directors to share any concerns or ideas you would like to see brought before the board.

Kit Tyler, President Clear Lake Association

ROAD PROJECTS FOR 2013

I will try to give everyone an update on the street work for this year. DLZ Engineering has been working with the Town of Clear Lake to put together a five year plan for street repair. We had planned to have all of the paving for 2013 complete by Memorial Day. We had some right of way issues to work out that caused the delay. This has been addressed and we are now ready to bid the work. The notices have been publicized. The bids will be opened July 2 and awarded July 8 at the next council meeting. Work should start right after Labor Day and be complete by the end of October.

The areas we are paving are as follows. South Clear Lake Drive from 770 to 891, Paradise Point, South Clear Lake Drive from 990 to 1006, John Court and Joan Court. We may also pave and widen Chapel Avenue if the engineering is complete and funds are available.

I would like to thank everyone for your patience and understanding. Have a great summer at the lake.

Bob Hull, Street & Utility Superintendent Town of Clear Lake

UPDATE ON NEW FLOODPLAIN MAP AND ORDINANCE

In February 2013, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources sent a list of comments they had received on the proposed new flood map and asked if the Town had received any additional comments. After some discussion, a list of folks that had contacted the Town with questions/comments on the new flood map was forward to the Department of Natural Resources. Additionally, a map that identified “questionable areas” (areas shown as being within the floodplain even though the areas have no record of flooding), was also forwarded to them.

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources included these “questionable areas” in a final review that compared the proposed map with ground service contours. Based on this review, corrections were made to the proposed floodplain map, and the vast majority of Clear Lake’s “questionable areas” were removed from the floodplain.

Per the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, the “newly corrected” proposed floodplain map was to be reviewed by a third party engineering firm in April as a final quality review check. The Town should receive a “Letter of Final Determination” for the map in this month (June 2013), and that begins the six-month period for the Town to update our ordinance and prepare for the map to become official.

The new Ordinance for Flood Hazard Areas (Floodplain Standards) is prepared and awaiting the “official date” from the new map. Once the official date is available (in June), the ordinance will be forwarded to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources for their review. It will then come back to the Town for public hearing, recommendation from Plan Commission, and adoption.

Our six-month period to prepare for the map to become official should end in December 2013, at which time the new floodplain map and Ordinance for Flood Hazard Areas (Floodplain Standards) will become official. Practically speaking, I do not believe the residents of Clear Lake will see much difference in developing and improving their properties from the new map and new ordinance. With few (if any) properties in the floodplain, the standards will just not come into play very often at all.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Amy Schweitzer, AICP, Zoning Administrator, Town of Clear Lake

MARSHAL'S REPORT

What a great summer so far. The weather has cooperated much better than last year. Now that the peak of the season is upon us, I would like to remind everyone of some important tips to make your lake season safer.

First, I would like to remind everyone about removing valuables from your vehicles and locking your vehicles. I know that this seems to be a constant reminder but all of the lakes in the county have seen an increase in thefts from vehicles this year and I want to make Clear Lake the exception.

Please keep an eye on your neighbor's residences, even when they are at the lake. Everyone gets busy with family and friends lakeside and keeping an eye on each other's homes when they can't will keep everyone's homes that much safer.

Practice good bicycling and walking habits around the lake. Though there is not law regarding it, it is common practice to bike with the flow of traffic and walk against the flow. There is nothing worse than cresting a hill to find an oncoming bicycle in your lane. Bicycles can't move over to the side as easy as walkers can so please, ride with the flow of traffic.

Lastly, please comply with the fireworks and other local ordinances when enjoying the lake. Remind your guests of the ordinance if you have rentals.

Have a safe a happy summer!

John Gonya, Town Marshal

UPDATES AND TIDBITS FROM YOUR WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE

Current projects: Drive by and watch the progress.

- Three (3) Lake and River Enhancement (LARE) Grant projects are in process.
 1. Eichler Wetland Restoration. Location CR 725E and CR 500N
 2. Powers/Bankey Streambank Restoration: Location 22/24 West Clear Lake Drive. Starting date expected week of July 4
 3. Aquatic Vegetation Management Program. Includes two aquatic invasive plant surveys conducted by Purdue aquatic plant biologist Robin Scribailo. Location: on the lake. The first survey was conducted June 11th and 12th. The second survey will occur later in July to capture late emerging plants. The Conservancy will hold a Town Meeting to explain the survey results on August 27th, 6PM at Town Hall.
- A Section 319 Nonpoint Source Management Program Grant is underway for the Upper St. Joe River Watershed to determine the cause and source of the pollution entering our waterways. Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy (CLTLC) is a partner with the St Joe River Watershed Initiative (SJRWI) and other watershed organizations from Ohio and Michigan. Two Clear Lake Water Quality Committee members serve on the Steering Committee and meet regularly. On June 19th, CLTLC and SJRWI co-hosted a Hoosier Riverwatch Workshop and Natural Lakeshore Restoration presentation at Town Hall.

Upcoming Meetings and Presentation

- The next St Joe River Watershed Initiative Annual Meeting will be held August 27, 6 PM at Clear Lake Town Hall. **Come and learn** more about the Clear Lake Watershed and provide input for the Watershed Management Plan. As stakeholders in Clear Lake Watershed, we are the only ones who can effect change.
- Following the watershed discussion, Robin Scibailo, aquatic plant biologist with Purdue University will present the results of the aquatic invasive species survey conducted on Clear Lake during June and July. We all have had questions and concerns about the increase in plant growth in the lake. Come and learn

what's living and growing beneath the surface of the water in Clear Lake.

- Watch the Bulletin Board for Date and Time Reminders.

Being forever vigilant about the health of Clear Lake water we want to thank the June 6th Clear Lake Resident who posted notice about leaves in the lake. On that note:

- Do Not dump grass, leaves and other yard waste in the lake, the inlets and the wetlands around the lake.
- If you use a lawn care service, remind them to properly dispose of yard waste material.
- Northeast Indiana Solid Waste Management District (NISWMD) provides the Steuben Yard Waste Compost Lot located at 2251 W County Road 175 N, Angola for your yard waste disposal needs. Call 800-777-5462 for more information.
- Use the Town's leaf pick-up when available.
- If you fertilize your lawn, use only non-phosphorous fertilizer and allow a strip of unfertilized lawn along the shore.
- Don't feed the ducks and clean-up after your pet. Animal feces are phosphorous rich and contain e-coli.
- The Clear Lake Marina will dispose of your used motor oil.

Mark your Calendar:

Tuesday August 27, 2013 6:00 P.M. - Clear Lake Town Hall
Aquatic Plant Survey Results
Clear Lake Watershed Update
Provide Input for the Upper St. Joe River Watershed Management Plan

KNEE-HIGH NATURALISTS

A program for children sponsored by the ClearLake Township Land Conservancy to promote an understanding and appreciation of our lake environment.

Wed., July 3rd –Join us at the Clear Lake Yacht Club as we kick off a summer of exploration! 10am-noon

Sat., July 6th- Soarin' Hawk Raptor Rehab Returns! A program for everyone! Come learn about raptors and see these amazing creatures up close at the Clear Lake Memorial Woods, 10:00 a.m. All are welcome!

Sun., July 7th- Investigate the hidden wonders of our very own prairie. Nate Simons will unlock the secrets of this diverse and complex community we call Spangler Grove. Noon. All are welcome.

Wed., July 10th- Take a nature hike at Koeneman Lake with Fred Wooley, Head Interpreter from Pokagon State Park! 10 am-noon. Please wear light colored clothing, long sleeves, pants, & sturdy shoes for walking! It's an adventure!

Wed., July 17th- Fishing with Ted Bohman @ the Clear Lake Marina! Rods and bait provided. Please bring your lifejackets. Program runs from 10am-noon, but why not stay a little while longer, and enjoy lunch that day at The Seaweed Café?!

Wed., July 24th- Program @ Clear Lake Yacht Club. 10am-noon. Join us as the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo brings "Zoo Mobile: Amazing Animals Program" to Clear Lake!

Wed., July 31st- Program @ Kasota Island*. The Native Americans named Clear Lake "Kasota" meaning "water, clear as sky". Join us for this special program to learn about the earliest history of the region and all it's inhabitants. We'll also learn how we all can be good stewards of our beloved Clear Lake and it's surrounding environs. 10am-noon. *Life Jackets and Adult Supervision Required.

For more information, please contact Dana Buehrer @ (914) 500-7938.

“IT’S NOT...”

It’s not a bathtub..... It’s not a swimming pool..... It’s not even a liquid racetrack. It is Clear Lake! It IS a natural, living, breathing entity. It is literally alive. And it is a most wonderful creation of beauty and source of joy for so many of us who have chosen to be “Lakers.” And yet sometimes in our exuberance to “use” the lake, we are actually “abusing” it and turning it into one of the “not’s” listed above. It happens in a variety of ways but let’s focus on the major impact on the shoreline environment.

In our desire to reflect suburban life onto our lake property we tend to erect concrete or steel seawalls and try to bring turf grass right up to the water's edge. What this does is to reflect wave action from the high wake producing water vehicles and thereby scour the lake bed and increase the turbidity of the water. After a weekend of activity, it is no longer “clear” lake. The lack of natural vegetation at the shoreline is a great invitation to “citizen” geese and muskrats which can cause significant damage as well as water pollution through their fecal matter.

On June 19 the CLTLC hosted a seminar at the town hall for Clear Lake residents regarding natural shoreline restoration. The presenter was Dan Ernst of Earth Source Inc and he shared a number of options to assist in the process. The Water Quality Committee is also researching techniques for reducing the impact of wave action on the lake by using glacial (field) stone combined with native plants in front of the concrete seawalls.

There are things we can and must do to reverse the jeopardy of the integrity of the lake we have come to enjoy. Reduce your footprint in the lake with your pier and water toys as much as possible. Become educated about these matters through attending activities that will be sponsored by the CLTLC and Clear Lake Association. We have been genuinely blessed to share in this marvelous place and we are called upon to be truly good stewards of this grand gift.

Don Luepke, For the Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy

L. A. R. E. GRANT RECEIVED BY MARINE PATROL

The Steuben County Sheriff’s Office has announced they have received a \$25,000 LARE grant from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources for its Marine Patrol. Sheriff Tim Troyer says they got a \$10,000 increase from last year due to the amount of man hours needed to cover lake patrols throughout the summer.

Troyer stated in a press release that the calculation was done from statistics covering Deputy activity on the lakes, the number of complaints the Deputies responded to and the fact that there were no major boating accidents or fatalities in 2012 on Steuben County lakes. Patrols last year were also conducted on lakes not previously patrolled. Troyer feels the increase in funding will enhance their ability to cover more lakes this summer. The grant application was submitted at the beginning of 2013.

Besides the Marine Patrol, money from the grant will also be used for boater education efforts in Steuben County. Troyer adds his department remains committed to high visibility and boater education on Steuben County lakes and the Marine Patrol is an addition to efforts by the Department of Natural Resources enforcement division.

Corporal Adam Miller will once again lead a group of Marine volunteers, reserves and full time Deputies. He will coordinate patrol efforts and overall operations. Boater education training classes will be conducted by Marine Deputy Jim Kidd. Individuals wanting to take a boater education class can do so by going to www.steubensheriff.com and clicking on the link on the bottom of the home page. *NOTE: Your Clear Lake Association also provides funds to the Marine Patrol for lake patrols.*

Check out the "fish-cam" <http://clearlakeindiana.org/fishcam/> Thanks to Matt Miller

LIONS CLUB DISCONTINUES ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION

The Clear Lake Lions Club will no longer collect aluminum cans. We have lost our collection area and the Town of Clear Lake now offers roadside pick-up of recyclables twice a month. We thank you for your past support. The Steuben County Humane Society continues to collect aluminum cans only.

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's,—is given away each year.

In 2012 we gave financial support to the Lion's Leader Dog, Indiana Eye Bank, & Wheel Chair Fund; 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.

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

From our Trash Company - Sanitation Solutions - as to what they will not accept on "Heavy Trash" pick-ups: They will **NOT** accept:

Anything longer than 4'
Concrete products
Tires
Batteries

Refrigerators-even tagged - too big
Railroad ties
Hazardous waste materials (includes Paint)
Building materials should be disposed of by builders

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 2013

- 5 Clear Lake Association Fireworks Display, Dusk
- 6 Decorated Boat Parade, 1:30 pm-assemble in front of Yacht Club; Parade @ 2:00 pm
- 6 Clear Lake Lions Club Chicken Barbeque; 9 am until sold out; across from Lutheran Church
- 6 Fireworks Display Rain date
- 8 Town Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
- 13 Clear Lake Lions Club 5K/10K Run, 2M Walk, Registration 7 am, race starts 8 am.
- 20 Clear Lake Association Annual meeting, 9:30 am, Town Hall
- 27 Ski Club Ski Show, in front of Yacht Club

AUGUST 2013

- 5 Plan Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
- 12 Town Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
- 19 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
- 27 Water Quality Comm., Aquatic Plant Survey Results, 6:00 p.m., Town Hall
- 31 Clear Lake Lions Club Chicken Barbeque; 9 am until sold out; across from Lutheran Church

SEPT 2013

- 3 Trash Pick-up-delayed one day due to Labor Day holiday
- 9 Town Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
- 14 Heavy Trash Pick-up, 6:00 a.m.

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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