



# Clear Lake

OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2013

# NEWS

## CLEAR LAKE TOWN COUNCIL

We had a great summer at Clear Lake this year compared to 2011 and its torrential rain and 2012 with its excessive heat. We also had another great year for our fireworks.

With the arrival of fall and many of our residents leaving, Bob Hull, our Superintendent wants to remind residents to fill their sewer tanks with water over the winter. Filling and then emptying a bathtub a couple of times are an easy way to accomplish this. This will help in the startup in the spring and increase the life of the pumps. Also in the fall or spring make sure you have 4 or 5 inches of clearance around the top of your tank for air circulation. Our superintendent has also informed us that M&C trenching has cleaned all 78 catch basins around the lake. If you are near one on the basins please help us keep them clear of excess leaves and other matter.

### Resolutions & Ordinances

- 05-2013 Resolution- A Resolution Mail Box Waiver Of Liability for Mail Boxes in the Road Right-a-Way.
- 2013-05 Ordinance amending Chapter 91.18 of the Clear Lake Code of Ordinances. Weeds Continuous Abatement Notice
- 06-2013 Resolution-A Resolution to Transfer Funds to the MVH Fund

### Road Maintenance

This year we developed a multi-year Road Maintenance Program. Bob Hull and DLZ have put this plan together so we can determine which roads will need paving each year. As you can see now the paving has begun for this year. The roads this year are: South Clear Lake Drive, Joan & John Courts, Paradise Point, Chapel Drive, and Terrace Drive.

### Leaf Pickup

Leaf pickup will be coming soon. There will not be a specific schedule since we have our own equipment. Just have your leaves next to the roadside and Bob Hull and his crew will get them picked up. Bob wants us to remember two things about leaf pickup:

1. Leaves close to the roadside and spread out if you can.
2. No sticks, grasses, shrubs, plants, etc.

This will make the pickup go faster and prevent damage to the equipment.

### Annual Deer Hunt

The annual bow and arrow deer hunt in the Town of Clear Lake will be from October 1, 2013 to January 1, 2014 in designated areas around the lake. The participants will be the same as last year with personnel from the Department of Natural Resources, Fremont Fire Department, and Steuben County Marshalls. We wish to thank all the residents and institutions that allow the hunters to hunt on their properties. These hunts have helped over the years in culling the herd and limiting the damage to resident's properties.

In the coming months we will be looking at our 2014 Budget and a New Floodplain Management Ordinance. Thank You.

Bob Lewis, President, Clear Lake Town Council

**ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNERS**

Beginning January 2014 your trash bill will be included as a line item on your monthly sewer bill. The last contract with our trash collector, Sanitation Solutions, was negotiated thru December 2015 and is paid monthly. The annual rate will remain the same at \$135 and your monthly rate will be \$11.25. This rate has not increased since 2009.

Besides picking up the trash generated by you, your family and guests on a weekly basis and your recycles twice a month, the Town has added another element to this Fund as of 2012. With the purchase of the leaf-vac our Town Superintendent, Bob Hull along with his helper's are picking up the leaves that previously people were burning, having their lawn service dispose of or putting in the swamp areas around our beautiful "Clear Lake". Our Water Quality Committee really appreciates this service along with your lawn service providers and we hope that you do also.

A letter will be sent to everyone in December, but we wanted to let you know of the change that is coming. Mark your calendar, your reminder in your accounting program or "bill pay" that you will need to add \$11.25 to your Sewer payment starting January of 2014.

Thank you and have a Wonderful Fall.

Clear Lake Town Council

**FROM THE CLEAR LAKE ASSOCIATION**

As I sit looking at the lake, on this first day of fall, some of the trees are just starting to change; the lake is very quiet, with the exception of the marina work boat moving hoists across the lake. Summer 2013 was a good summer. The July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks were well received, and we appreciate all your financial support. In addition to Fireworks, we had a successful Boater Safety Class, and provided the quarterly "Clear Lake News" letter.

On the next page is your Associations financial report for our fiscal year of 2012-2013. Your Association gives support and contributions to organizations that provide services to Clear Lake. During this past fiscal year we contributed to seventeen organizations which included the Fremont Fire Department, The Steuben County Sheriffs Marine Patrol, the Steuben County Humane Society, Crime Stoppers, and the Town of Clear Lake. If you would like a complete list of our contributions contact Alan Brown, Secretary/Treasurer, by email: [azbrown2@frontier.com](mailto:azbrown2@frontier.com)

JUST A REMINDER, if you close your cottage and do not come back till spring, here is a tip. Over the past few years the town has had to replace numerous grinder pumps. You can help by running clean water in you sinks, flush your toilets numerous times, just before you leave your cottage. This leaves your grinder full of clean water for the winter. Doing this, will help preserve our sewer system and save all of us money.

The Clear Lake Association is always looking for ideas, and ways to serve the cottage owners of Clear Lake. If you have ideas to how to make Clear Lake even better, feel free to let us know. Any ideas or comments can be sent to me at [clearlake222@gmail.com](mailto:clearlake222@gmail.com) The Association will continue to be guided by its mission statement, and strive to bring benefit to all who enjoy Clear Lake. Be safe and we look forward to a great 2014.

Bruce Spangler  
President

**CLEAR LAKE ASSOCIATION 2012-2013 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

BEGINNING BALANCE-July 1, 2012

Checking and CD	\$32,341.37
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INCOME

Dues, Donations, and Interest	\$23,412.14
Total Available Funds	<u>\$55,753.51</u>

EXPENDITURES

Auditor	\$330.00
Boat Parade Awards	\$300.00
Boater Safety Class	\$180.02
Contributions	\$13,460.00
Employee Bond	\$90.00
Fireworks	\$10,000.00
Insurance	\$1,316.00
Membership Expense	\$1,218.57
Miscellaneous	\$165.60
Newsletter	\$769.01
Office Supply's	\$452.90
Total Expenditures	(\$28,282.10)
Income less Expenditures	<u>\$27,471.41</u>

ENDING BALANCES-June 28, 2013

Checking	\$18,333.69
Un-cleared Checks	(\$2,250.91)
CD	\$11,388.63
TOTALS	<u><u>\$27,471.41</u></u>

**COMING SOON TO THE TOWN HALL NEAR YOU!**

The Clear Lake Association's "Little Free Library" to be named THE BOAT HOUSE (Bring One And Take one) is almost completed and will be moved to its permanent location outside the South entrance of Clear Lake Town Hall within the next couple of weeks.

Bring a book to exchange or take a book that attracts your interest. There will be space to exchange CD's and DVD's also. This library is being provided by The Clear Lake Association for the enjoyment of the entire Clear Lake community.

Watch for more information on the [clearlakefun.org](http://clearlakefun.org) bulletin board. Contact George McCracken at [gmccracken418@yahoo.com](mailto:gmccracken418@yahoo.com) with any questions regarding this project.

## MARSHAL'S REPORT

I am happy to report that we had another safe and fairly uneventful summer season here at the lake. The Sheriff's Marine Patrol assisted with that and helped give a presence on the lake and surrounding lakes this summer. The Sheriff recently released the statistics and they clearly showed that our mission is presence to improve safety on the lakes. There were 156 warnings given and only 11 tickets. The Marine Patrol also graduated 62 from the boater safety classes.

The lake once again was targeted by vehicle thieves a this summer. Both times, the keys were left in the vehicles that were stolen. These thieves are not smart enough to steal your car when the keys have been removed so please take the time to do so.

As winter creeps in on us, I want to remind everyone to make it harder on the criminals that prey on seasonal areas. Make your house look "lived in" when you are going to be gone for long periods of time, ask neighbors to pick up advertising materials and papers left at the property, and have lights on timers. If you have a hidden key for contractors and others to use in your absence and it has been in the same place for some time, move it to a new location away from the current one. Some contractors and vendors have a high turnover rate and the employees they dismiss are not always of the highest character.

On behalf of Officers McCarty and Compton, have a safe and happy holiday season!

John Gonya, Town Marshal

## PLAYGROUND COMING TO CLEAR LAKE

A children's playground and park is being planned and the fund-raising drive is in full swing. The 37' x 79' site will be located in the grassy area on Outer Drive across from Clear Lake Lutheran Church, west of where the Lions Club holds their Chicken Barbecue. Flags currently mark the perimeter and drawings of the playground are displayed in the church's outdoor sign. The commercial-grade play structures will contain 2 slides (one spiral), monkey bars, 6 ft. rock climber, bumper ladder, twister climber, crunch station, climbing pole, multiple play decks, a 2-bay arch swing set and 2 park benches.

Total estimated cost of the project is \$40,000. CL Lutheran will provide the land and \$15,000 "seed money" from Memorial Funds, with the remaining \$25,000 to be raised from the Clear Lake community. Construction will begin once the financial goal is met. To view the playground design and learn how you can help make this project a reality, go to [clearlakelutheran.org](http://clearlakelutheran.org) and click on PLAYGROUND. Checks should be made out to **Community Memorial Park at CLLC** (the CLLC has to be there so your contribution is tax deductible) and may be mailed to the church at 270 Outer Drive or dropped off at Alan & Sue Korte's house, 950 S. Clear Lake Drive (260-495-0047). If you would like to receive a letter detailing this project or have any questions, contact Beth McCracken ([bmccracken404@gmail.com](mailto:bmccracken404@gmail.com) / 419-203-1404) or Julie Zachrich ([juliezac@hotmail.com](mailto:juliezac@hotmail.com) /260-316-4500).

Beth McCracken

## WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES: IT'S ALL ABOUT THE WATER

### **Committee Project: Aquatic Vegetation Survey**

Thank you to all who attended Dr. Robin Scribailo's presentation summarizing the results of the aquatic vegetation survey for Clear Lake, Round Lake and Lake Anne. Dr. Scribailo, is an aquatic ecologist with Purdue North Central specializing in identifying invasive and native aquatic plant species. For those who were unable to attend, PowerPoint slides of the August 27<sup>th</sup> presentation are now available on the Conservancy's website <http://clearlakeindiana.org/conservancy/>

We expect Dr. Scribailo's final report and recommendations to be available in December 2013. This project was funded by a Lake and River Enhancement (LARE) grant and the Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy. Check the Conservancy's Websites for the final report as well as other Conservancy activity videos.

### **Committee Education Outreach: Waterworks Day**

Fremont Middle School's Waterworks Day was held September 19<sup>th</sup>. Several Water Quality Committee Members along with selected home-school junior assistants taught the Seventh Grade students various details about water quality including:

- The Watershed Concept
- Various tests to determine water quality and
- The identification of benthic macro-invertebrates as an indicator of pollution levels.

Everyone present: students, teachers, Conservancy committee members and Cheryl Taylor, creator of the grant funding Waterworks Day, had fun and learned a lot. It was a huge success.

### **Committee Fall Tips**

To be a good steward of our lake waters and surrounding watershed follow these guidelines 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 out of the lake, channel and wetlands. Utilize the Town of Clear Lake's leaf pick-up program.
- Keep all yard waste out of wet areas around the lake. They are the kidneys for Clear Lake
- Use The Northeast Indiana Solid Waste Management District (NISWMD) to take care of almost any disposal need. Contact [www.niswmd.org](http://www.niswmd.org) for location and hours.
- Properly dispose of used motor oil or any other chemical (Clear Lake Marina will dispose of used motor oil)
- Wipe up spillage of gasoline or oil when adding to water craft
- Please stop feeding ducks and geese. Water fowl waste gets into our lake. It is PHOSPHORUS enriched and promotes algae blooms.
- 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.

#### **CLEAR LAKE LIONS CLUB 5K/10K-2M WALK**

The Clear Lake Lions Club 5K/10K Run-2M Walk for charity was held on Saturday July 13 this year. Almost two hundred individuals participated in this event. The winners were:

- Men's 10K                      Keigan Culler
- Men's 5K                        Kyle Wagner
- Women's 10K                 Lisa Roe
- Women's 5K                    Katie Culler

The Clear Lake Lions Club thanks all of the participants and race sponsors for their support of this fund raising event.

**Happy Holidays**

# CLEAR LAKE CALENDAR

## **October 2013**

- 14 Town Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
- 21 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
- 31 Halloween Trick-Or-Treat, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

## **November 2013**

- 4 Plan Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
- 11 Town Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
- 28/29 Town Offices Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

-NEW TOWN HALL HOURS-

Monday thru Friday

Noon to 4:00 p.m.

## **December 2013**

- 9 Town Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Town Hall
- 16 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
- 25 Town Offices Closed for Christmas Holiday

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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