



Clear Lake

JANUARY – MARCH 2014

NEWS

PLEASE-- CHECK YOUR CLEAR LAKE HOME

We have recently experienced a brutal spell of winter weather here at Clear Lake...sixteen to twenty inches of snow...strong winds....bitterly cold temperatures...wind chills of -30 to -45 degrees Fahrenheit.

As a result of this weather there has been an alarming rate of frozen pipes and heating system failures. We believe it is imperative that you check your Clear Lake home. If you cannot get here to check your property, please arrange for someone to inspect your home. Some things to look for, both obvious and not so obvious:

- water leaks inside your home,
- ice or drifting snow blocking the air intake for furnaces and hot water heaters,
- drifting snow around the gas meter blocking the vent below the regulator,
- water pump turned off,
- check your electrical supply as we have had spotty, short outages
- shovel walks and drives to make your home appear lived in

It appears the worst of this severe winter weather has passed as we now have had rain and above freezing temperatures during the day, but below freezing temperatures at night creating very icy conditions. We still have several weeks of winter weather ahead of us. Bob Hull and his crew have done an outstanding job of keeping our roads open.

Please do not contact the Steuben County Sheriff's department to perform these services. Call your house checker, call your cleaning person, call a property manager, call a contractor, call a neighbor, call your friends, or come to the lake to check things out.

Please copy and paste this article into an email and send it to as many Clear Lakers as you can. The damage already done is extensive and expensive.

TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE

2013 gave us a great spring, summer and fall, but November and December did not cooperate and winter came early and has stayed.

We started the year off by putting together a Multi-Year Road Plan. Special thanks to Bob Hull, Superintendent and Casey Erwin and Phil Hibbert from DLZ. This will help us prioritize our road work each year. Areas this year for road paving were: Paradise Point, Chapel Drive, Terrace Drive, South Clear Drive, John Court, and Joann Court.

After many years of using a sound system that sometimes didn't work we now have a new sound system that will take care of all our needs. We thank the Clear Lake Association for their donation that helped make this happen. We also worked with the Association to bring "The Little Free Library" to the Clear Lake community. A special "THANKS" to George McCracken who was responsible for the construction on this project.

In 2013 Town Council had 10 new Ordinances and 11 new Resolutions.

We also had several new appointments to the Plan Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, and Town Government.

Bonnie Brown--Plan commission and Board of Zoning Appeals
Roger Dammeier--Plan Commission
Ron Walters--Board of Zoning Appeals
Ken Wertz--Board of Zoning Appeals
Jill Powers--Town Council
Brenda Eby--Billing Clerk

All in all 2013 was a good year for Clear Lake. I would like to thank all the people who give their time and effort to the following organizations: Clear Lake Association, Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy, Water Quality Committee, Clear Lake Lions Club, Board of Zoning Appeals, Plan Commission, and the Clear Lake Town Government.

Your participation makes Clear Lake a very special place to live.

I look forward to serving you in 2014.

Thank You

Bob Lewis, President, Clear Lake Town Council

MARSHAL'S REPORT

Winter is here and things have really slowed down here at the lake. The cold and the snow came full force this year and we are thankful we have the four wheel drive to patrol in. Our officers worked double duty through the snow storm at our full time jobs and here and are happy to report there were no major problems reported at Clear Lake.

It is quickly becoming the time of year when very few residents are here full time. If you are gone for extended periods of time or for the whole winter, ask a neighbor to keep an eye on the house. If you don't pay for snow removal when you are not going to be around, ask someone to pull in to your drive and even walk around to make it appear someone has been in and out and make the place look "lived in".

Another helpful tip, if you use a code for your garage, have a hidden key, and have given the information out to vendors delivering for you or for work being done to your house, change that code before leaving for extended periods of time. Some contractors and other vendors have a high rate of turnover and the previous employees might not have the best intentions.

I hope you all have a safe winter and we look forward to seeing you as the weather warms up a bit around here. And again, thank you for allowing us to serve you and work together with you to make Clear Lake a safer community.

John Gonya
Town Marshal

JANUARY – MARCH TOWN CALENDAR

January 2014

- 1 Town Offices Closed for New Year's Day Holiday
- 13 Town Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Town Hall

February 2014

- 3 Plan Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Town Hall
- 10 Town Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Town Hall
- 17 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Town Hall

March 2014

- 10 Town Council Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Town Hall

MARK YOUR CALENDAR –SUMMER ACTIVITIES

JUNE 2014

- 7 Heavy Trash Pick-up, 6:00 a.m.
- 14 Clear Lake Association Boater Safety Class, 8:00 a.m., Town Hall

July 2014

- 4 Clear Lake Association Fireworks Display, Dusk
- 5 Fireworks Rain Date
- 12 Clear Lake Lions Club 5K/10K Run, 2M Walk, 8:00 a.m. start, Clear Lake Lutheran Church
- 19 Clear lake Association Annual Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Town Hall

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