



Clear Lake

NEWS

APRIL – JUNE 2014

CLEAR LAKE TOWN COUNCIL

As I begin to put together my report for the 2nd quarter newsletter we are coming through one of the most enduring winter seasons I can remember at Clear Lake. We have had snow and sleet since the beginning of December. It's 25 degrees and snowing and there is 2ft of ice on the lake. However, we are grateful that our Superintendent, Bob Hull and various friends around the lake kept Clear Lake open throughout the winter. The Council supplied Bob with a new enclosed tractor to keep him protected while working in these freezing temperatures

Looking forward, spring is on its way and we look forward to all our friends returning to Clear Lake. For those returning we have two new appointments this year. Jill Powers, appointed to the Town Council taking retired George Schenkel's position. Ken Wertz was appointed to the BZA taking retired Erin Culler's position. We appreciate the service of all participants.

This spring we will begin our paving on four or five different sections of Clear Lake. This is part of our ongoing Paving Program. We will also have a spring leaf pick-up sometime in May. We will announce the date later. After the pick-up the leaf-vac will be stored in its new shed that will be built this spring.

LET'S GET READY FOR SUMMER: Here is a reminder of some important Clear Lake ordinances. If you rent your cottage out during the summer please post the following for your renters:

FIREWORKS ORDINANCE

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.

ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

This applies to the area within the town limits including Kasota Island:

- Prohibits animals running at large unless the animal is properly in leash, with the leash not to exceed ten feet in length;
- Requires confinement of every animal so that it cannot stray beyond the premises of the owner, keeper or harborer;
- Prohibits keeping or harboring any dog or other animal which barks, yelps, howls or creates disturbing noises which disturb the peace, quiet, and good order of the town;
- Prohibits defecation on public or private property or another unless the owner/custodian possesses the necessary tools and equipment to remove the defecation and requires immediate removal of defecation.

Bill Geiger and the volunteers on the Kasota Island maintenance committee have worked very hard last year and this spring cleaning up the island and improving its appearance with lots of new plantings. The Committee invites everyone to visit the island and enjoy the improvements. Please follow these rules during your visits:

- Please keep all pets on a leash and clean-up after them
- Leave nothing behind--everything that you take to the island should be taken with you when you leave
- Keep all glass in your boat
- Do not move any rocks as they are in place for erosion control
- Fires are only allowed in designated locations and must be fully extinguished before you leave. Please, be considerate of others when using firewood by using only what you need.

Have a safe and fun summer at Clear Lake

Bob Lewis, President, Clear Lake Town Council

CLEAR LAKE ASSOCIATION

Sorry, we can't talk about how beautiful spring is at the lake. As of today March 30, 2014, we still have piles of left over snow and about 20 inches of ice on the lake. This has been the winter that just doesn't want to give up. But warm weather will eventually get here and we look forward to another great summer at Clear Lake.

Your Clear Lake Association annual membership letter will be mailed to all property owners in May. Your membership dues and donations not only support the annual fireworks display, your Association also provides financial support to organizations which provide services to our community. Last year these included the Fremont Fire Department, the Steuben County Humane Society, Crime Stoppers, several departments of the Steuben County Sheriff's department, Project HELP, the Town of Clear Lake and several others. Your continued support is appreciated.

Please mark your calendars for the following Clear Lake Association sponsored events. On June 14, at 8am, we will again have the Boater Safety Class at the Town Hall. Don't forget the Fireworks on July 4th at dusk, rain date will be July 5th. We hope you will all plan to attend our Annual Meeting, 9:30am on Saturday July 19th at the Town Hall. Please join the Association and help us keep Clear Lake the great place we all enjoy. Looking forward to summer!!

Bruce Spangler, President

MARSHAL'S REPORT

Spring is here, well sort of. There have only been hints of Spring weather and even then, people were out enjoying it after a long winter. As we get further in to spring and move in to summer, we would like to remind everyone to watch for suspicious activity and report it immediately. Also, watch for pedestrian and bicycle traffic along with golf carts with the nice weather.

Our police patrols will be increasing as the weather changes and we will take the boat out, if the ice ever comes off the lake. I applied for the LARE grant through the DNR and once again received a \$25,000 grant for the Sheriff's Office to help patrol Clear Lake and other larger lakes in Steuben County.

Once again, I would like to remind everyone to remember to remove valuable items from vehicles that are left outside. Please remind your guests also. Our theft reports have gone down each year and I would like to continue that trend.

Thank you for allowing us to serve you and we look forward to a safe and fun 2014 lake season.

John Gonya, Town Marshal

CLEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP LAND CONSERVANCY UPDATES

CLTLC Awarded Sediment Removal Plan Grant

The Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy applied for and received from Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) a Lake and River Enhancement (LARE) grant to create a Sediment Removal Plan for Clear Lake. Early this summer, we will be looking for Clear Lakers to tell us where they believe sediment in the waters of Clear Lake needs to be reduced. Stay tuned for more information about where and when we will meet to get your input and explain more about this project.

Work Has Begun!!

The 25 acre Brennan Wood's property located west of the Clear Lake Yacht Club tennis courts is being transformed over the next ten years from the current mature oak woodland to an oak savannah. If you have questions, you can review the plans and information at the Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy's website: <http://ClearLakeConservancy.org> or click the link to the Conservancy on Clear Lake Fun website: <http://clearlakeindiana.org/fun/>

Aquatic Vegetation Management Plan

The 2013 Aquatic Vegetation Management Plan report for Clear and Round Lakes is available on the Conservancy website: <http://ClearLakeConservancy.org> Also included in the report is an aquatic survey of

Lake Anne. The Conservancy Board of Directors has voted to monitor for aquatic invasive species again in 2015. No herbicide treatment is sponsored at this time.

2014 Conservancy Public Meeting

The Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy Board of Directors public meeting has been set for July 12th at 9:00 a.m. at Clear Lake Town Hall. Tentative dates for three other CLTLC Board of Director meetings are May 17th at 10:00 a.m., August 9th at 9:00 a.m. and September 27th 10:00 a.m. all at Clear Lake Town Hall. Please refer to the Conservancy website or Clear Lake Fun bulletin board for updates.

BOATER SAFETY CLASS SET FOR JUNE 14, 2014

The Clear Lake Association will once again sponsor the Indiana approved Boater Safety Class conducted by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. The program is scheduled for Saturday June 14 from 8:00am to 3:00pm at the Clear Lake Town Hall, 111 Gecowets Drive. There is NO CHARGE for the class. A pizza lunch and drinks will be provided to all attendees. We are happy to have Jim Kidd back to conduct the class. Jim does a terrific job with educating attendees on the importance of boating safety and common sense boater operation. All Indiana boating laws and regulations will be covered. Last year ALL 28 attendees successfully completed the course and received their Boater Safety certificates.

Many of you are already aware that anyone who operates a motorboat or PWC (Personal Water Craft- i.e. - Jet Ski) on any of Indiana's public waters must have a valid driver's license. Those without a license but who have reached the age of 15 may operate a motorboat or PWC if they have successfully completed an Indiana APPROVED Boater Safety Education Course. You must also carry *on board* an ID issued by the BMV. No one under the age of 15 may legally operate a motorboat greater than 10 Horse Power or a PWC.

While there are no age restrictions for the class, we request that anyone 11 years old or younger be accompanied by a parent or an adult responsible for the attendee. This is a GREAT OPPORTUNITY for ALL boat operators in the family to get a REVIEW of what's needed for a safe boating summer!

This year registration must be completed through the DNR website link below and on the back of this newsletter. Please note that as part of the registration process a Liability Form must be filled out and signed by a parent or guardian for any participant under the age of 18. Download and print the form and bring the SIGNED form to the class.

As a backup, we ask that everyone also call the Clear Lake phone number listed below and give the Name and Age of the attendee plus a contact number. All DNR classes are open to the public but space is limited.

SIGN UP EARLY to RESERVE YOUR SPOT

Go to this DNR Website: <http://www.register-ed.com/programs/Indiana/agency:25> Scroll down to "Boater Education"; click on "View Upcoming Events"; scroll down to June 14, 2014; click on "View Event"; scroll down and click on "Register Now". Be sure and print the Liability Form and bring to the class as noted on the website.

In addition please call Mary Jo Fitzenrider 260-243-0789 (Cell) or 260-495-4180 after May 1st (cell number also OK) with the Name and Age of the Attendee plus a contact number.

ADDRESS or BANK CHANGES

Property owners in the Town of Clear Lake, please remember when making name or address changes to your properties to notify the Billing Clerk or Clerk/Treasurer. You may have assigned a son, daughter, other relative or administrator the responsibility of taking care of your property. The Town needs this new contact information in case there is a need to contact that person. The forms are available on the Town's website at www.townofclearlake.org. The link is *Update Owner Info*.

The direct payment form for your utilities is also on the Town's website at the Town Forms link. If you would like to have a form mailed to you, please call the Town Hall at 260-495-9158.

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 5th, 2014.

All participants and their decorated boats will meet in front of the Yacht Club at 1:30PM with the parade beginning at 2:00PM. There will be awards and prizes for the first, second & third place winners. 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

SPRING TIPS FOR A HEALTHY LAKE

Although snow is barely off the ground and the lake is still in its “solid” state, it is never too early to think about our on-going stewardship to maintain the quality of water in Clear Lake. If you choose to fertilize your lawn and do an early spring application, please remember:

- use ONLY PHOSPHORUS FREE materials
- the MIDDLE number on the bag indicates the amount of Phosphorus. This number should be ZERO.
- Insist on PHOSPHORUS FREE fertilizer from lawn application services.

Of all the minerals and elements that feed into Clear Lake, PHOSPHORUS is the factor most responsible for accelerating algae and weed growth. Please do your part to insure that Clear Lake remains HEALTHY and CLEAR.

Other Tips for Early Spring Clean Up:

- If you fertilize 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 the Wet areas around the lake. They are the “kidneys” for Clear Lake
- The Marina will dispose of motor oils. Don’t pour any chemicals in the lake
- Northeast Indiana Solid Waste Management District (NISWMD) can take care of almost any disposal need. Contact www.niswmd.org for locations and hours

Thanks so much for helping to keep Clear Lake *Clear!*

Clear Lake Water Quality Committee

WASTE WATER GRINDER STATIONS

A short reminder to those property owners thinking “SPRING” and getting ready to clear your lawns and gardens of “WINTER” debris or having a lawn service do the job for you. The grinder station, that may be on your property, that houses the grinder, that sends the waste water from your cottage to Fremont for processing, needs to have ventilation of at least two to three inches BELOW the lid that covers the station. For maintenance purposes we also need to be able to see the circuit breaker box with the “RED WARNING LIGHT” on the top from the street.

If you have landscaped the five foot radius around your grinder station, in an attempt to camouflage what is there, please consider having those plantings removed. An alternative would be either lawn grass or river rock installed to keep the area free of debris. NO mulch please. This landscaping may cause your grinder to fail when you have a house full of family and friends on a holiday week-end. It also causes additional cost to you as a property owner in replacement and repairs to the grinders. See Code of Ordinance Chapter 51.61(D) on the Town’s website.

KNEE-HIGH NATURALISTS

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

All programs run from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., with the exception of our Knee-High Fishing Program on Wednesday, July 16th which will run from 10:30 a.m. until noon.

Please save the following program dates:

- Wed., July 9th- “Keeping the Clear in Clear Lake” Join us at the Clear Lake Yacht Club as we kick off a summer of exploration!
- Wed., July 16th- 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 23rd- Fred Wooley, Head Interpreter from Pokagon State Park. Clear Lake Yacht Club. Time to talk turtles! Learn about these amazing creatures and more!
- Wed., July 30th- Clear Lake Yacht Club. Learn about frogs, toads, and life in a vernal pool.
For more information, please contact dana buehrer @ (914) 500-7938.

CLEAR LAKE CALENDAR

APRIL 2014

- 7 Special Town Council Meeting, Open Road Construction Bids, 1:30 p.m., Town Hall
- 14 Town Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
- 18 Town Offices closed for Good Friday
- 21 Board of Zoning Appeals, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall

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- 6 PRIMARY ELECTION Clear Lake Township Precinct, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., Town Hall
- 7 Plan Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
- 12 Town Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
- 24 Clear Lake Lions Club Chicken Barbeque, 9:00 a.m. until sold out, across from Lutheran Church, Pre-order by calling 495-9458 or 495-9626
- 26 Town Offices Closed for Memorial Day Holiday
- 27 Trash pick-up (delayed due to the Memorial Day Holiday)

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- 7 Heavy Trash Pickup, 6:00 a.m.
- 9 Town Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
- 14 Boater Safety Class, 8:00 a.m., Town Hall, lunch provided, sponsored by the Clear Lake Association Pre-registration required
- 16 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall

JULY 2014

- 4 Town Offices Closed for July 4th Holiday
- 4 Clear Lake Association Fireworks Display, Dusk
- 5 Clear Lake Lions Club Chicken Barbeque, 9:00 a.m. until sold out, across from Lutheran Church, Pre-order by calling 495-9458 or 495-9626
- 5 Decorated Boat Parade, 1:30 p.m., in front of Yacht Club
- 5 **Rain Date**-Clear Lake Association Fireworks, Dusk-**Rain Date**
- ** 9-16-23-30 Knee High Naturalists, 10-11:30 a.m., various locations, see article above
- 12 Clear Lake Lions Club 10K-5K Run, 2M Walk, Registration @ 7:00 a.m., Races start @8:00a.m., Across from Lutheran Church
- 12 Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy Annual Public Meeting 9:00 a.m., Clear Lake Town Hall
- 14 Town Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
- 19 Clear Lake Association Annual Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Town Hall



BOATER SAFETY CLASS

Sponsored by the Clear Lake Association

Conducted by Jim Kidd

June 14, 2014

8:00 AM to 3:00 PM*

CLEAR LAKE TOWN HALL

You must enroll with the DNR for this class.

**Go to <http://www.register-ed.com/programs/Indiana/agency:25> AND also call Mary Jo Fitzenrider
260-495-2180 or 260-243-0789**

Enrollment is limited. This class qualifies as a boating education class for those under age 16. Take the class, pass the test, and leave with your certificate. Open to everyone 11 and older. We encourage parents and Grandparents to attend. *All materials and lunch will be provided FREE.

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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