



Clear Lake

NEWS

JULY - SEPTEMBER 2014

SUMMER ON THE LAKE

Welcome back to Clear Lake! It is time to forget about the dreadful winter weather. Just a little over three short months ago we had just lost the ice on the lake, but now it is time for summer time fun and relaxation. We have lots of summer activities as always:

- The annual Boater Safety class, sponsored by the Association and presented by the DNR was attended by twenty-seven people on June 14 at the Clear Lake Town Hall. All students passed their exam.
- The Fourth of July weekend will offer the traditional Association fireworks display on July 4 and 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 Lakeview Drive during the set-up and 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 5 at 2:00 p.m. Again 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 19 at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

A couple of reminders to help everyone enjoy the summer:

- If you have a swim buoy and have not placed it in the lake please do so as soon as possible. If you are not going to install the buoy return it to the Town Hall. The buoys are for safety and a reminder that all water craft must proceed at idle inside the buoys.
- Help keep our town and lake as clean as possible. When you are out walking or biking carry a trash bag with you and if you spot debris pick it up and take it home to dispose of it properly.
- Trash containers should be covered and the cover secured. We have lots of critters who enjoy exploring your trash. Trash only in plastic bags is not recommended.

Finally I have a favor to ask. If you have not provided the association with your email address please send it to me clearlake222@yahoo.com or to our Secretary/Treasurer Alan Brown, azbrown2@frontier.com. Your email address will only be used to notify you of the availability of the "Clear Lake News" which saves your association publishing and mailing costs.

Enjoy your time at Clear Lake and be safe.

Bruce Spangler, President, Clear Lake Association

TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE

The second quarter of this year saw the council pass one resolution and 3 ordinances:

1. Ordinance 2014-1 This ordinance repealed and replaced the Clear Lake solid waste and recycling ordinances.
2. Ordinance 2014-2 This ordinance amended chapter 91.18 of the town of Clear Lake code of ordinances. 91.18 had to do with the regulation for the abatement of weed and rank vegetation. The new ordinance better defines the language,
3. Ordinance 2014-3 This is an ordinance annexing territory into the town of Clear Lake. This ordinance corrects portions of the Powhattan Bay subdivision that were erroneously omitted from the legal description annexing the Powhattan Bay subdivision.

4. Resolution-2-2014 Annexation fiscal plan. This resolution is required whenever you are annexing property to correct errors.

As all of you may have noticed the road paving has been completed early this year before most of you returned to Clear Lake. We hope to do this again next year. We are very happy that E & B paving got the job done quickly and \$40,000 under budget.

Our leaf-vacuum collected most of the spring leaves before it broke down. We look forward to having it available again in the fall. The barn for the leaf-vacuum was completed for summer storage.

Council member Alan Korte is in the process of obtaining bids for drywall repair and painting for the town hall. We hope to have this done in the next couple of months.

Have a great 4th of July and a safe and fun summer. Bob Lewis, President, Clear Lake Town Council

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

Known as the BOAT HOUSE at Clear Lake Boat = BRING ONE & TAKE ONE

The board members of the Clear Lake Association sponsored the building of the Little Free Library, named the BOAT HOUSE for the enjoyment of the entire Clear Lake community. Our own board member, George McCracken with some help from Tom Snyder designed, built and installed the Little Free Library at the south end of the Town Hall, after the Town Council approved this location. The BOAT HOUSE now has a collection of books that can be used by seasonal residents as well as year round residents. It has a collection of adult books, children's books, CD's and DVD's. We encourage residents, both seasonal and year round to bring a book to exchange or take one to enjoy that attracts their interest. Enjoy it, return it, and bring one you would like to share, and encourage others to take something to enjoy as well.

The LittleFreeLibrary.org has a mission to promote literacy and the love of reading by building free book exchanges worldwide. Their goal is to build 2,510 libraries...as many as Andrew Carnegie...and then to keep going. The movement started in Wisconsin in 2009 and today there are nearly 15,000 registered Little Free Libraries in the world. In the U.S. there are nearly 400. As the project grew the Little Free Library was officially established as a nonprofit organization. The BOAT HOUSE is registered with The LittleFreeLibrary.org



So...how does the BOAT HOUSE work...it offers a way to share good things to read. It belongs to everybody ---- residents, neighbors, friends and people who don't even know about it yet. Anyone can use it. That's why we want to take care of it. If you see something you would like to read, take it, read it, and share it by returning it to the BOAT HOUSE. Give books (No Readers Digest books please) ...leave notes in them...be a friend of the BOAT

HOUSE. Pay it forward. One of the board members will act as the "steward" to keep the BOAT HOUSE organized and attractive. The goal of "take a book, return a book"-the BOAT HOUSE is a box full of books where anyone may stop by and pick up a book (or two) and bring back another book to share.

PUBLIC BEACH

The Association continues to have an interest in the Public Beach at Clear Lake. A volunteer committee was working on several issues when the chair person moved from the lake. After several comments via the Clear Lake Fun website bulletin board there seems to be enough interest and volunteer support to have another look at this issue. People continue to be concerned with "how" the area looks....mowing, overflowing dumpster, debris left behind, etc.

If you have some interest in participating on a committee or if you are just interested in future plans for the area, please email Mary Lee Gecowets, jgexvp@aol.com, so a time/place can be determined to look at the past information that was gathered and how we might move forward. Several of you have already indicated your interest ... I will contact you by email. Any thoughts are welcome...please send to my email.

DECORATED 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 2:00 p.m. Awards and prizes for the first, second & third place. 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 or you can use this link

<http://clearlakeindiana.org/association/content/2014-association-boat-parade-entry-form.pdf>

For additional information contact Rick Behnfeldt 260-495-9906 or email me at raclearlake@hotmail.com

“OH THE PLACES YOU’LL GO!”

That is the title of a marvelous book written by Theodor Geisel better known to most of us as Dr. Seuss. It is grand reading for people of all ages. Indeed there are so many places to go, things to learn, adventures to explore. Clear Lake - truly a place we dearly love. We live at one of the most treasured locations in the region and yet there is so much more to know, so much more to discover, so much more to gather in.

This summer the Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy will be providing a wide variety of events, adventures and happenings which will be designed to help all residents more fully appreciate the wonders that have been entrusted to our care as stewards of the land and water. These will be remarkable opportunities to socialize with neighbors, enjoy the outdoor atmosphere, explore some of the hidden treasures around Clear Lake, explore the boundaries of all that there is to learn, and become involved in making our wonderful community even stronger and more beautiful.

Save the dates:

- June 28th, 9 a.m.: All “paddlers unite” at the Kasota Island for a cruise parade around the lake followed by an island gathering.
- 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Wednesdays in July: Kids can join the Knee-High Naturalists for weekly adventures. See the article in this edition of the Clear Lake News for more details.
- July 12th, 9 a.m., Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy Annual Public Meeting. Clear Lake Town Hall.
- July 12th, 6 to 9 p.m., Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy Open House at Yacht Club. Watch the Bulletin Board and flyer for details.
- August 2nd 9:30 a.m., take a hike in a 25 acre woodland preserve being restored to an oak savanna forest (<http://oaksavannas.org/>)

Stay tuned to the Clear Lake Bulletin Board and the Conservancy website www.clearlakeconservancy.org for all sorts of Adventures.

Don Luepke

Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy

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 LAKER HONORED

One of Clear Lake’s own has been honored by a very prestigious statewide award. The Indiana Lake Management Society has recently presented Annie Skinner with its “Volunteer of the Year Award” for 2013. The award is in recognition of “promoting and encouraging the understanding and comprehensive management of lakes, reservoirs and their watershed ecosystems.” Annie serves the Clear Lake community as Chairwoman of the Water Quality Taskforce and has given unselfishly of time and talents in meeting with government officials and all constituents in promoting clean and healthy water in our region. Congratulations Annie, we are indeed proud of you and deeply grateful for your service. Don Luepke

COMMUNITY MEMORIAL PARK AT CLEAR LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH A REALITY

The playground is finished and ready for children and their families! Over 60 people volunteered their time and effort Friday and Saturday, June 6 & 7, 2014 to assemble and construct the child-friendly swings, slides and climbers on the site across from Clear Lake Lutheran Church. Picnic tables and park benches were also erected to provide a park-like setting for all ages. Trails have been cleared and mulched for hikers to explore the adjacent woods and Koeneman Lake.

The new playground/park will be dedicated with an Ice Cream Social **Saturday, July 19, 6:30-8:30 pm.** The Clear Lake community is invited to participate in this celebration. No playground monies will be used for the FREE event. Ice cream and toppings will be provided by a Lutheran Foundation Grant, cookies by volunteers.

If you have not yet had an opportunity to participate in this community project, donations continue to be accepted for maintenance and future additions to the park. Donor cards will be available at the Ice Cream Social. Contact Beth McCracken (495-0047) or Julie Zachrich (495-4023) if you have any questions.

TIRE RE-CYCLING EVENT

Steuben County is offering you the opportunity to recycle tires on Saturday July 19, 2014 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tires will be collected at the Steuben County Highway Garage located on the southeast corner of North C.R. 200W & West C.R. 200N. There is a charge of \$2.00 per automobile tire and \$10.00 for semi and tractor/agriculture tires. Rims or tubes in tires will be accepted but the county requests no excess dirt or leaves in or on the tires. Starting in January 1995 whole tires can no longer be put in landfills in Indiana. Tires collected will be shredded and used in a variety of applications.



CLEAR LAKE CALENDAR

JULY 2014

- 4 Town Hall Closed for July 4th Holiday
- 4 Clear Lake Association Fireworks display at dusk
- 5 Clear Lake Lions Club Chicken Barbeque, 9:00 a.m. until sold out, across from Clear Lake Lutheran Church
- 5 Decorated Boat Parade, 2 p.m., meet in front of the Yacht Club
- 5 Fireworks display rain date at dusk
- 9, 16, 23, 30 Knee High Naturalists, 10:00 a.m., Clear Lake Yacht Club (except 16th-10:30 a.m. @ Clear Lake Marina)
- 12 Clear Lake Lions Club 5K/10K Run-2M Walk, Registration at 7:00 a.m., Races start at 8:00 a.m., across from Clear Lake Lutheran Church
- 12 Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy Annual Meeting, 9:00 a.m., Town Hall
- 12 Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy Open House, 6 to 9 p.m., CL Yacht Club
- 14 Town Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
- 19 Clear Lake Association Annual Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Town Hall
- 19 Tire Recycling, Steuben County Highway Garage, 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
- 19 Community Memorial Park Dedication Ice Cream Social, 6:30-8:30 p.m., CLLC
- 26 Ski Show, 2:00 p.m., Clear Lake Yacht Club

AUGUST 2014

- 4 Plan Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
- 11 Town Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
- 18 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall

SEPTEMBER 2014

- 1 Town Offices closed for Labor Day holiday
- 2 Trash pick-up (delayed due to Labor Day holiday)
- 8 Town Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
- 13 Heavy Trash Pick-up, 6:00 a.m.

Marshal's Report

Summer is upon us again and there are a few things I would like to remind everyone of. First is the ordinance pertaining to fireworks in the Town of Clear Lake. The ordinance allows for Fireworks to be shot until 11:00 p.m. on the following dates; 6/29, 6/30, 7/1, 7/2, 7/3, 7/5, 7/6, 7/8, 7/9. The ordinance also allows for fireworks to be shot until Midnight on July 4th and until 1:00 a.m. on New Year's Eve / New Years Day. The State of Indiana dictated what could be allowed and prohibited in the ordinance. The above listed dates are those that the State said had to be allowed by the town if it were to create an ordinance allowing them to be displayed at all.

Secondly, as I have said many times, keep your vehicles locked and valuables hidden. A theft from vehicles is still a common crime during the seasonal lake season all over Steuben County. Most of these thefts are from unlocked vehicles and some with valuables in plain sight.

Lastly, watch for pedestrians, bicyclists, and golf carts during the busy summer season. With the narrow lake roads and hills around the lake, use caution when driving and encountering walkers and bicyclists. If you are walking the lake, walk against traffic. Bicyclists should ride with traffic. Golf carts should follow all rules of the road.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy summer. Keep up the good work with keeping an eye on your neighbor's properties and reporting suspicious activity. It does make a difference and keeps Clear Lake a safe place to live.

John Gonya, Town Marshal

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