



Clear Lake

JANUARY – MARCH 2015

NEWS

TOWN OF CLEAR LAKE

Clear Lake is a very special place and 2014 was another wonderful year. After surviving one of the coldest and snowiest winters in memory, Mother Nature served up a pleasant spring, summer, and fall. It was a busy year for the Town of Clear Lake. Some notable items of interest from 2014 include:

1. The Town of Clear Lake has over ten miles of streets and almost a mile of them were repaved or repaired. Crack filling was also performed on the majority of the streets.
2. 1,545 cubic yards of leaves were picked up and taken to Fremont for composting.
3. A new Gator was purchased for the Sewer Department and a new tractor with a cab and loader was purchased for the Street Department. A new storage building was also constructed.
4. Barry Worl retired from the Town Council after seven years of service. The county chairman appointment Roger Dammeier to fill the remainder of his term.
5. Don Luepke was appointed to the Clear Lake Plan Commission.
6. The police department had twenty one incidents that required a report, the lowest number in the past seven years.

We also have several items scheduled for 2015:

1. Road improvements include the complete rebuilding of Buck Point Road and the street over the Cyrus Brose regulated drain. These are both complex, expensive projects and due to Indiana DNR regulations they will be performed in late summer and fall.
2. Spring leaf pick up will be performed May 4th thru May 8th, May 18th thru May 22nd, and May 26th thru May 29th. Weather permitting; fall leaf pick up will be performed October 5th thru December 4th. If you use a commercial lawn service, please give them a copy of these dates.
3. Heavy trash pickup is scheduled for June 6th and August 29th. Please have your items available for pick up by 6:00 AM.

Town officials want to thank homeowners who installed reflector stakes along the roadway to help guide the Town's snowplowing efforts during the winter months. As a reminder, **DO NOT use metal objects** (fence posts, rebar, etc.) in the right of way as it has the potential to damage vehicles and equipment as they pass on the narrow roads.

Due to a variety of issues, the Clear Lake Directory will not be delivered this year. Residents can pick a copy up at the Town Hall during normal business hours after May 4th, 2015.

Please remember that the Town of Clear Lake's official website, www.townofclearlake.org, is your source for official announcements, postings, meeting agendas, meeting minutes, and an up-to-date calendar of town events. Additional items include the Town's Code of Ordinances, Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), and most official forms. A list of email addresses for town employees and departments is also included.

Town Council members appreciate you participation and input. Working together, Clear Lake will continue to be a very special place in 2015.

CLEAR LAKE ASSOCIATION

Greetings from Clear Lake:

On behalf of the Clear Lake Association, I wish you a healthy and prosperous New Year.

As I look out my window at the lake, I see some ice, and some open water. As the lake starts to freeze, please remember these ice safety rules:

- Ice that is 3" or less, STAY OFF!
- 4" is enough for ice fishing and other activities on foot,
- 6" is good for snowmobiling and ATVs,
- 8-12" is needed for cars and small pick-ups. Have fun, but be safe.

Your Association has several events coming this summer. Be sure to mark your calendar. On Saturday June 13, 2015 we will offer a Boater Safety Class at the Clear Lake Town Hall. There will be more information in the Spring News Letter. The Association's fireworks display will be at dusk on Friday July 3, 2015 (Saturday July 4 is the rain date). The Clear Lake Association Annual meeting will be Saturday July 18, 2015 at the Town Hall.

Thank you for your support in the past, and we encourage your participation in the future. If you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact any board member.

Following are the 2015 Association Board Members:

Bruce Spangler, President
Mike Long, Vice President
Mary Jo Fitzenrider
Mary Lee Gecowets
Jack Horrell

Alan Korte
George McCracken
Bruce Moody
Cathleen Nevin
Alan Brown, Secretary/Treasurer

Clear Lake is a very special place. The Clear Lake Association is here to "bring benefit to ALL who enjoy life at Clear Lake." Have a safe winter.

Bruce Spangler, President

MARSHAL'S REPORT

Happy New Year! Winter is here but so far, it hasn't been too bad. In fact, after last year's start to winter, we can't complain.

As the winter months progress, I notice the amount of empty homes increase like usual. The difference I have noticed is that it has become harder to tell what homes are empty compared to past years. The seasonal residents and those who take an extended vacation in the deepest of cold months have done a better job making their homes look lived in. I applaud you for your effort. This makes it harder for the criminal element too.

It will soon be time for ice fisherman to come to the lake to enjoy some fishing. If you are a seasonal resident and do not want the ice fisherman parking at your property, please email me at marshal@townofclearlake.org. I will compile a list of properties where they can't park and get their vehicles moved if they are found parked there.

On behalf of the Clear Lake Police Department, have a safe and prosperous New Year and thank you for allowing us to serve you!

John Gonya, Town Marshal

MOTORCYCLE AND MOTOR DRIVEN CYCLE CLASSIFICATIONS

Beginning January 1, 2015, new laws have gone into effect in Indiana regarding the licensing and registration of Motor Driven Cycles, commonly referred to as motorized bicycles and mopeds. The new laws define two classes of motor driven cycles with differing licensing, insurance and operating rules.

Motor Driven Cycle - Class A has an engine that produces no more than five-brake horsepower;

1. To operate a Class A an individual must possess **one** of the following:
 - Valid driver's license with a motorcycle endorsement with an MDC - Class A restriction
 - Valid driver's license with a motorcycle endorsement
 - Valid driver's license and a valid motorcycle learner's permit
2. A Class A operator must have a Certificate of Title or Manufacturer's Certificate of Origin; Bill of Sale; or Motor Driven Cycle (MDC) Affidavit - Affirmation of Ownership and/or Cubic Centimeters (CC) - State Form 55714
3. A vehicle will require individuals to maintain current liability insurance that meets the state's minimum requirement.
4. Registration Fee of \$26.35 plus Excise Tax of \$10 plus any local fees
5. Operating Restrictions:
 - Helmet required if under 18
 - Must operate in a position astride the seat
 - Passengers may ride with proper passenger seat
 - Headlamps must be illuminated while operating
 - Cannot carry package in hand
 - Operate near right-hand edge of roadway unless passing another vehicle or preparing for a left turn

Motor Driven Cycle - Class B has a cylinder capacity not exceeding 50 cubic centimeters;

1. To operate a Class B an individual must possess **one** of the following:
 - Valid driver's license (no endorsement required)
 - Valid driver's permit (no endorsement required)
 - Unexpired State of Indiana issued identification card with an MDC - Class B endorsement
2. A Class B operator must have a Certificate of Title or Manufacturer's Certificate of Origin; Bill of Sale; or Motor Driven Cycle (MDC) Affidavit - Affirmation of Ownership and/or Cubic Centimeters (CC) - State Form 55714
3. No insurance is required (but it might be smart to have some)
4. Registration Fee of \$26.35 plus Excise Tax of \$10 plus any local fees
5. Operating Restrictions:
 - Must be 15 years old or older
 - Helmet required if under 18
 - Must operate in a position astride the seat
 - Headlamps must be illuminated while operating
 - Cannot carry package in hand
 - Operate near right-hand edge of roadway unless passing another vehicle or preparing for a left turn
 - Operate at no more than 35 miles per hour
 - Passengers are not allowed
 - No interstate highway or sidewalk operation

If this new law affects you we suggest you visit an Indiana license branch or visit the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles at <http://www.in.gov/bmv/3221.htm>

CLEAR LAKE CALENDAR

January 2015

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

February 2015

- 2 Plan Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Town Hall
- 9 Town Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Town Hall

March 2015

- 9 Town Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Town Hall
- 16 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Town Hall

NOT RECEIVING THE "CLEAR LAKE NEWS"?

Despite all of our efforts to keep our records up-to-date it is difficult to know exactly where you are when we make our mailings. You can avoid this (and help us reduce costs) by signing up to receive an email notification that the "News" is now available on the Town of Clear Lake website. You can update your owner information on the town website-www.townofclearlake.org or send an email to the Clear Lake Association Secretary-Treasurer at azbrown2@verizon.net.

Parents, grandparents, children, grandchildren can also receive this email notification as well.

It is the association's policy not to share your email address with anyone else.

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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