



Clear Lake

NEWS

JULY – SEPTEMBER 2015

TOWN OF CLEAR LAKE

July is here and it seems like the rain will never end. We've set several rainfall records in the last couple of months, hopefully things will dry out a little and return to normal in July.

We had a successful spring leaf pickup from the first of May through Memorial Day. Bob Hull and his crew did an excellent job. Lately, Bob has been busy mowing the berm along the town's streets keeping the foliage back from the roadway.

Some of the business conducted in the second quarter included Town Council passing two ordinances:

- 1.) An ordinance to establish (reauthorize) the Cumulative Capital Development Fund (CCD) These funds are for road repairs
- 2.) An ordinance codifying our Code of Ordinances. This ordinance combines all individual Ordinances passed in the last couple of years into an updated ordinance. Note: Not affected was the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) which is completely updated each time a development standard is adopted by the Town. The last UDO update occurred on September 15, 2014.

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

We also renewed our refuse/recycling contract with Sanitation Solutions for two years at the same rates as this year. We are very pleased with the service they provide and are happy to continue our partnership.

Indiana State Police Officer Andy Smith was present at our May council meeting. Officer Smith is a member of the Meth Suppression Unit and gave a very informative presentation on the dangers of meth use. He told us that meth trash can be found anywhere and that it can be hazardous. He said that anyone finding a backpack or trash bag along the road should leave it alone and report it to our Town Marshal or the Steuben County Sheriff.

We would like to welcome Bridget Harrison, the new director of the Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy, as a member of our Clear Lake family. We have partnered with the CLTLC and provided an office for Bridget in the basement of the Town Hall. Bridget is already hard at work and is anxious to meet the residents of Clear Lake.

Lastly, the 2015 Clear Lake Directory has been printed and is available to be picked up at the Town Hall. You can pick one up in the Town Hall during business hours or at the Little Library outside of the office on the weekends.

Looking forward to great summer,
Bob Lewis, President

CLEAR LAKE ASSOCIATION

Summer 2015 is off to a cool and very rainy start. Hope July and August will warm up and dry out. The Boater Safety Class was a huge success. We had our maximum total of 35 students. Everyone passed and got their certificate. Thanks to Mary Jo Fitzenrider for again heading up this great program. By the time you read this news letter, we will have had our annual Fireworks display. Another great benefit to Clear Lake put on by your Association. If you have not yet joined The Clear Lake Association, it is never too late. Just \$30.00; you can find an application form, at clearlakefun.org, and then click on the Association link at the top of the page. Hoping everyone has a great summer.

Bruce Spangler, President

CLEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP LAND CONSERVANCY UPDATES

It has been an exciting summer for the Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy so far! We have recently hired Bridget Harrison to serve as our first-ever Conservancy Director and we mailed out "Clear Thinking" our first newsletter in ~7 years. We hope you enjoyed reading it and we want to thank the Clear Lake Association for all of their support in helping us get our newsletter program started again. To receive it electronically send an email to info@clearlakeconservancy.org or phone (260) 316-1397.

- CLTLC's 2015 Public Meeting

Our public Board of Directors meeting will be on **Saturday, July 25th at 9:00am at Town Hall**. We look forward to this opportunity to hear from you. We hope you can join us and come early for donuts and coffee!

- Cost-Share money is available for Lake landscaping, rain barrels, & rain gardens!

Cost-share money is available through the Upper St. Joe River Watershed Initiative Partnership for rain barrels, a rain garden, or lake landscaping! Please contact Bridget Harrison at (260) 316-1397 or bridget.harrison@clearlakeconservancy.org to learn how to apply. It's a 1-page, easy application! If you are not sure if lake landscaping is right for your lake front then please join us on **Saturday, Aug. 8th from 10:00-11:30am at Town Hall for "Landscaping for Water Quality,"** a workshop to learn about and see real examples of landscaping options available for enhancing and protecting Clear Lake's water quality.

HELP WANTED

The Clear Lake Association is seeking an individual or individuals to perform the duties of Secretary/Treasurer and the *Clear Lake News* publisher. After eleven years serving as the Secretary/Treasurer/Publisher, Alan Brown would like to retire from the position. The secretary duties include preparing meeting agendas, publishing meeting minutes, distributing the annual membership letter and occasional correspondence. The treasurer duties include posting membership payments, paying invoices and preparing financial reports. The *Clear Lake News* publishing requires soliciting articles, formatting the document, printing and distributing via mail and email. These positions require moderate computer skills utilizing Microsoft Word and Excel, Quicken (or equivalent) and an email program. The time required to complete these tasks range's from zero during some of the winter months to 4-12 hours per week in May, June and July. Alan will be available to train his replacement(s). These are volunteer positions. For additional information and/or to apply please contact Bruce Spangler-495-3954 or Alan brown-495-1700.

CANADA GOOSE ROUND-UP

The residents of Clear Lake along with Ducks Unlimited and Delta Waterfowl volunteers have been conducting roundups for at least 15 years. We do obtain a permit from the D.N.R. and follow the federal guidelines for transporting the geese to another location and releasing them unharmed.

This year the Governor of Indiana declared additional rules due to bird flu problems. Thirty six birds were captured last week, transported over 120 miles to Mississinewa Lake outside Peru IN and released. Were all of the geese on Clear Lake captured? No, as some were still able to escape but we believe approximately two-thirds of the population was relocated.

Why have a round-up? To keep out lake as clean as possible and avoid property damage. A single adult goose can produce 2 lbs of feces in a day. This is mainly due to their herbivorous diet. A large portion of the plant material they eat is not digestible, so it passes quickly through the goose's digestive system. This also means that the geese need to eat relatively more to meet their dietary needs. An adult Canada goose can eat up to 4 lbs of grass daily. Goose feces can also be harmful when washed into a nearby water source. This can result in over-nitrification and oxygen depletion of water bodies. This can cause large fish kills and lowered fish species diversity. Goose feces also contain fecal coli form bacteria. The accumulation of these harmful pathogens can result in temporary closings of water sources and swimming areas.

Your Clear Lake Association also obtains a federal permit to "oil" eggs in nest each spring. It has been difficult to recruit volunteers for this activity so the success of this effort has been limited.

Thanks to several Clear Lake property owners for volunteering their time and equipment with special thanks to John Pritchard for the use of his trailer, Mel Zehner and Bill Dick for transporting the captured birds to Mississinewa Lake, and Ken Goeckel for organizing this event to benefit our community.

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 by sending an email to Brenda Eby at billing@townofclearlake.org or an email to the Clear Lake Association Secretary-Treasurer azbrown2@frontier.com.

Parents, grandparents, children, and grandchildren can receive this email notification as well. It is the association's policy not to share your email address with anyone else.

CLEAR LAKE CALENDAR

July	2015
3	Town Offices Closed for July 4th Holiday
3	Clear Lake Association Fireworks 10:00 p.m.
4	Fireworks Rain Date 10:00 p.m.
6	Special Plan Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
11	Clear Lake Lions Club 5K/10K Race 2M Walk for Charity, 7:00 a.m. registration, 8:00 a.m. race start, across from Clear Lake Lutheran Church
13	Town Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
18	Clear Lake Association Annual Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Town Hall
25	Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy Annual Meeting, 9:00 a.m., Town Hall
25	Ski Club Show, 2:00 p.m., Yacht Club
August	2015
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
29	Heavy Trash Pickup, 6:00 a.m.
September	2015
7	Town Offices Closed for Labor Day Holiday
8	Trash pick-up (delayed due to the Labor Day Holiday)
14	Town Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall

CLTLC'S KNEE HIGH NATURALISTS-SUMMER 2015

Clear Lake Yacht Club from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday July 8th—*ON A WING AND A PRAYER*: Beautiful butterflies!

Learn how caterpillars turn into butterflies! Eco-friendly art activity included.

Wednesday July 15th—*WILD ABOUT WILDFLOWERS*

Come meet and greet Bridget Harrison, Director of the Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy!

Learn about and plant Native Wildflowers!

Wednesday July 22nd—*BATTY ABOUT BATS*

Come learn about bats! Over half of the bats in the United States and Canada are threatened or endangered.

Wednesday July 29th—*TERRIFIC TREES*

Learn about our terrific trees from Nate Simons, and end the program with a hike of Brennan Woods! If you are joining for the hike, please wear appropriate shoes and insect repellent is suggested

For more information please contact Dana Buehrer @ 914-500-7938

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