



# Clear Lake

JULY-SEPTEMBER, 2016

# NEWS

## TOWN OF CLEAR LAKE

Summer 2016 is off to a great start. Air and water temperatures are warming up nicely. We hope you will all have a safe and happy summer.

With the increased activity around the lake in season, we ask all residents and guests to remember these important traffic rules. The Clear Lake Marshals have been asked to enforce these laws.

1. The speed limit around Clear Lake is **25 mph**. However, in some areas of the community 25 mph is too fast for safety. Please be alert to conditions that require more caution.
2. According to the Code of Ordinances for Golf Cart Operation, the operator of a **golf cart** must have a **permit** issued by the Town Marshal and a **valid driver's license** issued by the State of Indiana, or any other state in the United States.
3. The operator of a watercraft 10 HP or greater must be at least **16 years old** (15 yrs. with a permit issued by the DNR); this applies to **boats as well as personal watercraft**. When leaving your dock area, maintain Idle Speed until outside the buoys.

The 2016 Clear Lake Directory has been printed and is available to be picked up at the Town Hall, 111 Gecowets Drive, during the hours, noon-4:00 pm, Monday-Thursday. Copies will also be available after hours and weekends in the Little Library next to Town Hall.

**WARNING:** The swans have babies and are currently on Clear Lake. Several boaters have been attacked by the male swan. If you encounter the swans, stay as far away from them as possible. They are very large birds and can cause damage to both boats and humans.

Trash pickup is on Monday each week. Recycling is on the first and third Mondays of each month. If you want a recycling bin, they are available behind Town Hall. Yard waste, including leaves, grass, tree clippings and weeds, are not to be included in either trash or recycling bins.

Please remember that the Town of Clear Lake's official website, [www.townofclearlake.org](http://www.townofclearlake.org), is your source for official announcements, postings, meeting agendas and minutes, and an up-to-date calendar of town events. Additional items in 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.

Our Zoning Administrator, Amy Schweitzer, has resigned to go to her dream job in Auburn, Indiana. Zoning matters will be handled by appointment only. Please call Town Hall to schedule.

Hope everyone is able to get out and enjoy the beauty that is Clear Lake.

Submitted by Bruce Spangler for Town of Clear Lake Town Council

## MARSHAL'S REPORT

Summer is upon us and I would like to once again remind everyone of the ordinance pertaining to fireworks at the Town of Clear Lake.

- Fireworks may be shot **until 11:00 pm** on the following dates:  
June 29 & 30 and July 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
- Fireworks may be shot until **midnight on July 4<sup>th</sup>**

The State of Indiana dictates what could be allowed and what is 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.

The police department is now working the new “summer” schedule as requested by town council. The schedule puts a focus on weekend patrols by both vehicle and boat making us more visible to the community and visitors. The police vehicle will soon have decals that will make it more visible to everyone.

Officers Rich McCarty and Darren Compton have resigned from the police department after several years of service. I would like to thank Rich and Darren for their hard work and dedication to the Town of Clear Lake. They had a big hand in keeping the crime rate down in this corner of the county and they will be greatly missed.

The council has approved the hiring of Rex Snider to the police department effective immediately. Rex is a deputy with the Sheriff's Department and has an abundance of experience in Marine Patrol which will serve us well. Please help me welcome Rex when you see him patrolling in the near future.

Submitted by John Gonya, Town Marshal

## REGARDING RECYCLABLES

Sanitation Solutions Management has asked the following notice be posted for the Town of Clear Lake. *Please DO NOT include Styrofoam in any form. No cardboard that has contained food (pizza, etc.) can be accepted. Please rinse any containers before depositing in your recycle bins. The recycling facility will be docking Sanitation Solutions in the future for these items. Contamination affects the market for recyclables. Thank you.*

Submitted by Kay Kummer, Clear Lake Town Clerk-Treasurer

## CLEAR LAKE ASSOCIATION

Hope everyone has been enjoying the wonderful summer we have been having since Memorial Day.

We had a successful Boater Safety Class, though numbers were down from previous years. The reduced numbers were attributed to the fact that the class can now be taken online. One of the things the DNR stressed in the class is being courteous to your fellow boaters. Over the past few weeks, speed boats and jet skis have been observed buzzing swim buoys, fishing boats and leisure boaters. Clear Lake is big enough that we should give each other space.

We hope you enjoy our annual fireworks display, scheduled at sunset, Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> (rain date: Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>). This is another great benefit to Clear Lake put on by your Association. If you have not yet joined CLA, please do so. It is never too late to support your community. An application form is available at [clearlakefun.org](http://clearlakefun.org) by clicking on the Association link.

If you have a swim buoy and have not yet placed it in the lake, please do so as soon as possible. If you are not going to install the buoy, please return it to Town Hall. The buoys are for safety and a reminder that all watercraft must proceed at Idle Speed inside the buoys.

Help keep our town and lake as clean as possible. Trash containers should be covered and the cover secured. We have lots of critters who enjoy exploring your trash. It is not recommended to put out trash in only plastic garbage bags.

The annual Clear Lake Association Meeting will be held at the Town Hall on Saturday, July 16, at 9:30 am. Everyone is welcome.

Take care, be safe and enjoy our beautiful lake!

Submitted by Bruce Spangler, President, Clear Lake Association



**FACTS ABOUT THE DANGERS OF DOG POOP**

Dog poop is a problem we deal with on a daily basis. But is it dangerous? How much do you know? Is pet waste a health hazard? Here are the dangerous facts:

1. Dog poop is NOT good fertilizer. It's toxic to your lawn. The high nutrient concentration will burn and discolor the grass, creating "hot spots."
2. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) classified pet waste as a dangerous pollutant in the same category as toxic chemicals and oil.
3. You may not live near water, but un-scooped poop from your yard is carried by overland water flow or is washed into storm drains, ending up in far-away streams, rivers lakes and ground water.
4. The U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) confirms pet waste can spread parasites including hookworms, ringworms, tapeworms, and Salmonella. When infected dog poop comes into contact with your lawn, the poop will eventually "disappear," but the parasite eggs can linger for years! When a human or animal comes into contact with that soil through everyday activities like walking barefoot, gardening or playing, they risk infection from those eggs – even years after the poop is gone.
5. Pet waste, teaming with E. Coli and other harmful bacteria including fecal coli, form bacteria, which causes serious kidney disorders, intestinal illness, cramps and diarrhea in humans. (There are 23 million fecal coli form bacteria in a single gram of pet waste.)
6. Dog poop often contains roundworm larvae, which cause blindness. If a human ingests a roundworm larva, it can migrate through the body causing disease to the brain, lungs, kidneys, liver, heart or eyes. So when people (especially children) touch soil, dog toys or anything that has been in contact with dog feces and then touch their mouth, they can become infected.

Dog poop doesn't just "wash away" or disappear. So if you're not disposing of your dog's waste, you are putting yourself, your family, your dog and your water supply at risk.

Submitted by Alan Brown for the Clear Lake Association

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A few copies of the CLEAR LAKE HISTORY book are still available (\$50). Please see Bridget Harrison at Town Hall or contact Bonnie Brown (260-495-9028 or [bonniedon1@gmail.com](mailto:bonniedon1@gmail.com))  
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**FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CLEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP LAND CONSERVANCY**

Mark your calendars and help us celebrate 25 years of Clear Lake conservation with our upcoming *Creating a Clear Future* events on Sat., Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> and Sun., Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>. On Saturday we will enjoy music by the Dueling Pianos, an auction, and dinner. On Sunday we will enjoy music by Island Vibe and a hog roast. For more information and/or to purchase tickets, visit [clearlakeconservancy.org](http://clearlakeconservancy.org) or call (260-316-1397).

Over the next several weeks our Koeneman Lake Nature Preserve and trail will be closed for public access. The lake is almost drained and soon heavy equipment will be on the preserve starting the sediment excavation and dam rebuild. **For the safety of the public and our contractor we are closing the preserve until the project is completed later this summer/early fall.** Check our website for project updates and photos.

I've enjoyed looking through all of the bird photos that have been submitted for our 2017 Calendar Fundraiser. Thank you for sharing! If you have any pictures of birds around Clear Lake Township to include email them to [info@clearlakeconservancy.org](mailto:info@clearlakeconservancy.org).

If you are planning a special event or overnight stay on Kasota Island please call our office (260-316-1397). While on the island, don't forget to clean up after your pet, leave the rocks at the island, refrain from bringing glass ashore, and, please, no fires outside of designated locations.

I look forward to seeing you this summer! If you haven't done so, check out our new website!

Bridget Harrison,  
Executive Director



**CLTLC'S KNEE-HIGH NATURALIST - SUMMER 2016 PROGRAM**

**Wed., July 6<sup>th</sup> – LET'S BE 'CLEAR'**

Learn how & why to test for pollution in Clear Lake and ways you can help keep the lake clear.  
Led by Bridget Harrison, Executive Director of CLTLC.

**Wed., July 13<sup>th</sup> – GONE FISHIN'!**

Join us at the Clear Lake Marina for a morning of dockside fishing and learn about the fish in Clear Lake! Bait and poles provided. Led by Ted Bohman, Ken Goekel, and our friends from Pokagon State Park.

**Wed., July 20<sup>th</sup> – Sssss.....SNAKES**

Come learn all about snakes from a leading expert in the field. Led by Dr. Bruce Kingsbury.

**Wed., July 27<sup>th</sup> – BEAUTIFUL BIRDS**

Don't miss your chance to learn how to observe and identify birds. Binoculars provided.  
Led by Nature Interpreters from Pokagon State Park.

All programs will meet at the CL Yacht Club from 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., except July 13<sup>th</sup> we'll meet at Clear Lake Marina. For more information, please contact Dana Buehrer (914-500-7938) or CLTLC (260-316-1397). This is a hands-on educational program sponsored by the Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy.

## LOCAL CHRISTIAN MUSICIANS RETURN TO CLEAR LAKE

Nationally-recognized husband and wife duo from Defiance, Ohio, **The Tacketts**, will be returning to Clear Lake on Sunday, **July 3**, to sing in the **9:00 am** outdoor worship service, located on the grassy hill behind CL Lutheran Church. Sarah and Jeff Tackett's latest radio single *Mirror Mirror* recently hit #1 spot on Radio Music FM top 50 Chart.

Sunday, **August 7**, the outdoor service at CLLC will feature popular Ft. Wayne vocalist Fernando Tarango. Fernando, his wife Lanah (daughter of Clear Lake residents Dr. Joe & Sally Hake) and their son, Sol, will be returning from a six-month residency in New Zealand. Labor Day week end, **Sept. 4**, special music will focus on well-known spirituals presented by the CLLC Choir. Anyone who would like to sing in this service is encouraged to call the church for practice times.

The outdoor services are held the first Sunday of July, August and September in the natural sanctuary located behind the church and will begin at **9:00 am**. In case of rain, services will be held inside the church at 270 Outer Drive.

The annual community worship on **Kasota Island** is scheduled for Sunday, **August 21**, at **10:00 am** (so that grass can dry out and fog can lift.) Damascas, a vocal and instrumental group based in Angola, will be providing special music. As in the past, all are welcome to bring chairs or blankets onto the Island or remain on their boat to enjoy the service. In case of inclement weather for the Kasota Island service, check the CLLC website for updates. (clearlakelutheran.org) or call the church office (260-295-9219)

Submitted by CLA Member, Pastor Tim Miller

### CLEAR LAKE TOWN CALENDAR

<b>July</b>	<b>2016</b>
2	Clear Lake Lions Chicken BBQ, 9:00 a.m. Clear Lake Lutheran Church
2	Clear Lake Association Fireworks - Sunset (Saturday)
3	Fireworks Rain Date - Sunset (Sunday)
4	Town Offices Closed for Independence Day Holiday
5	Trash pick-up (delayed due to the Independence Day Holiday)
9	Clear Lake Lions 5K/10K Run, 2M Walk, 7:00 a.m. Clear Lake Lutheran Church
11	Town Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
16	Clear Lake Association Annual Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Town Hall
22	Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy Annual Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Town Hall

  

<b>August</b>	<b>2016</b>
1	Plan Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
8	Town Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
15	Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
21	Kasota Island Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.
27	Heavy Trash Pickup, 6:00 a.m.

  

<b>September</b>	<b>2016</b>
3	Clear Lake Lions Chicken BBQ, 9:00 a.m. Clear Lake Lutheran Church
5	Town Offices Closed for Labor Day Holiday
6	Trash pick-up (delayed due to the Labor Day Holiday)
19	Town Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall



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**KEEP YOUR NOSE IN THE NEWS**

The Clear Lake Association produces this newsletter quarterly in an effort to keep all property owners up to date on lake news and information. Several hundred copies are sent electronically, which costs no money, only the (much-appreciated) time and effort of Alan Brown, CLA Secretary/Treasurer. However, we mail 150 hard copies of the newsletter (at an approximate cost for postage and printing of \$250/issue) to those persons who have not submitted, or do not have, an email address. At the May CLA meeting, it was decided to become more financially and environmentally responsible about this policy. **If you do not currently receive this newsletter by email, you will not receive future issues unless you act in one of the following ways by August 1:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Submit an email address to [azbrown2@frontier.com](mailto:azbrown2@frontier.com)    - or -
- \_\_\_\_\_ Submit a written request, including your name & address, to receive the newsletter by “snail mail” to:  
Clear Lake Association, P.O. 38, Fremont, IN 46737

The current “News” is available on the Town of Clear Lake website and a few hard copies will always be available for pick up at Town Hall. 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.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. Beth McCracken, Editor

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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 activities of Clear Lake Town government and other Clear Lake organizations to all property owners.

