

Clear Lake

OCTOBER-DECEMBER, 2016

NEWS

TOWN OF CLEAR LAKE

Greetings from the Town of Clear Lake. With the arrival of fall, many of our residents are leaving for the winter. Just before you leave your cottage, be sure to flush out your grinder pump with fresh water. Filling and then emptying a bathtub a couple of times is an easy way to accomplish this, or running a faucet for half an hour, will also do the trick. This will help with the startup in the spring and increase the life of the pumps. Also in the fall and spring make sure you have 4-5 inches of clearance around the top of your grinder for air circulation. If you live near one of the catch basins on the lake, please help keep it clear of excess leaves and other matter. Before winter begins, it's a good idea to put out reflector sticks so Superintendent Bob Hull knows where edge of the road is when he is plowing.

As a reminder, trash pickup is every Monday and recycling pick up is the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. NO yard waste may be put out for trash pickup. Leaf pickup will begin October 2, continuing through December 2, when there are enough leaves for a load. There will not be a specific schedule since we have our own equipment. Just have your leaves next to the roadside and Bob Hull and his crew will get them picked up. Bob wants us to remember a few things about leaf pickup so the process goes smoothly:

1. Pile your leaves close to the roadside, but not more than 3 feet high.
2. Do not pile your leaves on your gravel driveway!
3. Make sure it is only leaves - **no sticks, grass clippings, shrubs, plants, etc.**

With the approach of winter weather, and the possibility of power outages, here are some important reminders. Our sewer system is powered directly from NIPSCO power lines. Therefore, if your house is without power, so is your Grinder/Pump Station. Each G/P Station has a limited capacity, so until the power is restored, the station cannot be emptied. You may have a generator to temporarily power your house, but unless your generator powers your G/P Station, you have a limited number of flushes. The town **does** allow permanently installed generators to power Grinder/Pump Stations. An Improvement Location Permit (ILP) is required to install a permanent generator, as well as to connect the generator to the Grinder/Pump Station. Contact the Zoning Administrator at Town Hall for more information about these permits. (zoning@townofclearlake.org)

The Town of Clear Lake applied for and got a Community Crossing Grant. This grant will allow us to double the amount of road repairs we would have been able to do previously. Work has started on both South and East Clear Lake Drives.

There have been changes in both the Zoning Administrator and the Town Marshals positions. Please read about the individuals who have filled these jobs in related articles of this newsletter.

We hope all cottage owners - both summer residents and year rounders - have a good winter. Be safe!

Submitted by Bruce Spangler for Town of Clear Lake Town Council

LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL CHANGES

There have been some changes at the marshal and deputy marshal level within the Town of Clear Lake. Let me introduce to you our new officers, Rex Snyder and Adam Kitson.

Rex currently works for the Steuben County Sheriff's Department and will be part-time here at Clear Lake. Rex started as a Reserve Deputy in 2000 for the Sheriff's Office and was hired as a Merit Deputy in 2006. Rex is a Crisis Negotiator for the SRT team, a certified Rescue Diver and member of SCURRT, a certified Rescue Airboat Operator, along with many other certifications to serve as a Deputy Sheriff. We are very pleased to have Rex's experience on the team!

Adam is our newest member of the team and is currently a full-time officer for Fremont Police Department. Adam started with the Steuben County Sheriff's Office Confinement Division in 2006 and became part of the Angola Police Reserve in 2007. Adam was hired as a Patrolman with Fremont Police in 2013 and is certified Firefighter, a member of the SCURRT team, CIT and a Medical 1st Responder. Adam holds many other certifications to operate as a Police Officer for the Town of Fremont.

At the Marshal level, John Gonya has led our law enforcement team for eight years in addition to his work with both the Steuben County Sheriff's Department and, most recently, as Head of Security at Cameron Hospital. John has had plenty on his plate at Cameron and is now growing his own staff for security at the hospital and taking on more responsibility there. With that change, John will step down as Marshal, but will continue to serve Clear Lake as a part-time deputy. The Town Council wants to thank John for all of his good work, and we look forward to having him continue his efforts to keep us all safe!

With John's change in roles, I am very pleased to say that Kevin Kane – who joined our staff last year after retiring from Steuben County Sheriff's Department – will be accepting the Marshal's position. Kevin has strong ties to Clear Lake since he grew up here and his parents still live at the lake. Before he retired from Steuben County Sheriff's Office, he spent 32 years with the department. Kevin served as Jail Commander and Chief Deputy for both Sheriff McClelland and Sheriff Lewis. Kevin has also served on the Board of Directors for the Indiana Sheriff's Association. Kevin and John have had a lot of leadership roles in their careers and they will be working together to make a smooth transition.

Thank you to all of our law enforcement professionals – we appreciate all that you do for us!

Submitted by Jill Powers, Town Council

MARSHAL'S REPORT

Fall is upon us, so please remember a few things when at the lake. Former Marshal Gonya did a great job with helpful tips and information and I look forward to continuing the tradition. Contact information for the Marshal's Office has not changed. The email address is marshal@townofclearlake.org and the telephone number is the same as the town office (260-495-9158).

As always, please remember safety when driving around the lake, whether in a vehicle or golf cart/UTV. The Speed Limit is 25 mph within the Clear Lake Town limits, but, even though this is the posted speed limit most places, safety would sometimes warrant a slower speed. Be sure to check your golf cart/UTV registrations for expiration. The Marshal's office will be dropping off written reminder notes from time to time in your door if your registration is close to expiring. Fees have not changed and are on the town's website (townofclearlake.org) or call the town office (260-495-9158).

For police services (if you are not able to reach one of the on-duty Marshals through the town offices) please contact Steuben County Communications non-emergency number at 260-665-3131. A Police Officer will be dispatched for your complaint. If you have a question about golf cart registration updates, vehicle identification or boat hull identification check, please call Clear Lake Town office at 260-495-9158 to leave a message for us and the next officer on duty will contact you.

For the upcoming fall and winter months, please remember to make sure all doors, windows and points of entry to your residences are secured. If possible, have a neighbor check your property regularly and make sure the town office has your current contact information.

Submitted by Kevin Kane, Clear Lake Town Marshal

MEET THE NEW ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

My name is Kenneth Hughes and I am the new Zoning Administrator for the Town of Clear Lake. I received my Bachelors from Georgia Tech and was educated in planning at Ball State University. I grew up living all over the country, but my family is originally from Northeast Indiana so I am excited to have moved to the area.

I invite you to discuss any new projects you are planning to undertake at your property that will happen outside. In most cases, an Improvement Location Permit from the town is required in order to obtain a building permit through Steuben County and one is required for flatwork (like driveways) and the currently popular installation of generators. My regular office hours are on Thursdays from 1-4 pm at my office in Town Hall and you are encouraged to make an appointment. You can reach me at zoning@townofclearlake.org or 260-243-6701.

CLEAR LAKE ASSOCIATION

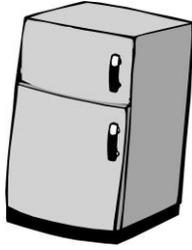
As I sit looking at the lake, on this first day of fall, temperatures this week have been in the 80s. It seems more like mid-August weather. The trees are just starting to change; the lake is very quiet.

Summer 2016 was a good summer. The July 4th Fireworks were well received, and we appreciate all your financial support. In addition to Fireworks, we had a successful Boater Safety Class, and published the quarterly "Clear Lake News" letter. Your Association continues to give support and contributions to organizations that provide services to Clear Lake.

JUST A REMINDER, if you close your cottage and do not come back till spring, here is a tip. Over the past few years the town has had to replace numerous grinder pumps. You can help by running clean water in your sinks or flush your toilets numerous times just before you leave your cottage. This leaves your grinder full of clean water for the winter. Doing this will help preserve our sewer system and save all of us money. The Clear Lake Association is always looking for ideas and ways to serve the cottage owners of Clear Lake. If you have any suggestions how to make Clear Lake even better, feel free to let us know. Any ideas or comments can be sent to me at clearlake222@gmail.com. The Association will continue to be guided by its mission statement and strive to bring benefit to all who enjoy Clear Lake. Be safe and we look forward to a great 2017.

Submitted by Bruce Spangler, President, Clear Lake Association

NIPSCO NEWS



**It's time that old
energy guzzler paid
you!**

Appliance Recycling Program

It's easy:

- Call or visit us online to schedule your pick-up.
- Your inefficient refrigerator or freezer will be removed from your home at no cost to you.
- Our team will deliver the old appliance to a safe recycling facility.

Receive a check for \$50!

To qualify:

- You must be a NIPSCO residential electric customer (rate code 611, 612 and 613) with active service.*
- You must own the appliance.
- The refrigerator or freezer must be between 10-30 cubic feet.
- Appliance must be plugged in, working and empty at the time of pick-up.
- Limit of two appliances per household per year.

Schedule your pick-up and get more details:

Visit NIPSCO.com/fridge.

Or call GoodCents at 1-800-721-7385

**Please note: customers who participate in the Income Qualified Refrigerator Replacement Program are not eligible to receive the \$50 incentive for a refrigerator that is replaced. However, participants are eligible to receive the \$50 incentive for a second unit that meets all Appliance Recycling Program criteria.*

NIPSCO's residential energy efficiency programs are administered by Good Cents, a third-party implementation specialist that helps homes save energy.

Information provided by Kay Kummer, who reminds us that Sanitation Solutions does not take refrigerators or freezers. They are too big for their trucks.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CLEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP LAND CONSERVANCY

Our 25th Anniversary celebration events in August exceeded all expectations in sharing the Conservancy's mission and building community across the entire Clear Lake population. Thank you to all who attended, donated, participated in the auction and otherwise made the weekend a memorable time!

For most of the summer our Koeneman Lake Nature Preserve and trail were closed. Partnering with the Clear Lake Lutheran Church for access, we were able to dredge the lake and rebuild the dam. With a stable dam in place, the lake can continue serving as the settling point for sediment and pollutants flowing through the Harry Teeters ditch on the way to Clear Lake.

Annual water quality testing was completed by the Water Quality Committee this summer. Results indicate that, as is typical of most lakes, as summer activities increase, overall water quality declined. Additional details will be shared as the Water Quality Committee continues to analyze testing data. Clear Lake dredging is expected to resume in November. Periodically check the “News & Events” section at clearlakeconservancy.org for additional details.

A selective harvest will be completed this winter at our Clear Lake Nature Preserve, located west of the CLYC tennis courts. Working with a forestry consultant, the harvester will remove strategically selected trees to open up the canopy. This project is part of our long-term restoration efforts at Brennan Woods.

Engineering, design, and permitting will be underway this fall and winter for the Kasota Island Shoreline Protection project. Phase 1 of this 3-phase project will complete the necessary steps to begin construction in the Fall of 2017 for this \$300,000 endeavor. If you haven’t heard, go to our website under “News and Events” and check out the article about the Sunday Fun Day pirate flag! Contributions and pledges are still needed for this project. Contact Bridget or donate through the CLTLC website.

Finally, stop by Town Hall or see any CLTLC board member to buy your 2017 Birds of Clear Lake calendar. You will enjoy classic photos from Clear Lakers through all seasons next year as photos of our feathered neighbors recall the Lake landscape and water. They make great gifts!

Bridget Harrison,
Executive Director
clearlakeconservancy.org



Fall Tips for a Healthy Lake

- If you (or your lawn service) apply a fall lawn fertilizer application, do so sparingly and only use non-phosphorus fertilizer (the middle number on the bag should be zero).
- Leave a strip of unfertilized lawn along the lake edge.
- Keep leaves, grass and other yard waste out of the lake, wetlands and inlets to the lake.
- Use the Town of Clear Lake's Leaf Pick-Up Program.
- Refrain from feeding ducks, swans, and geese; waterfowl waste is a big lake polluter.
- Pick-up pet waste.

Ways to Dispose of “Non-Mulchable” Yard Waste

Northeast Indiana Solid Waste Management District (NISWMD) accepts “non-mulchable” yard materials such as grass clipping, leaves, and brush. No stumps or land clearing materials. The closest site is located at CR 175 N, northwest of Angola, adjacent to the Steuben County Fairgrounds, The facility is open Monday-Friday 8:00am-7:00pm and Saturday 8:00am-3:00pm. Check their website at <http://www.niswmd.org/> or call 260-587-3063 for more information. Fremont Water Treatment Facility accepts leaves, grass clipping and other **non-woody** yard waste at their compost site located west of Fremont on SR 120. Call 495-2504 for information.

Used Motor Oil and Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

Clear Lake Marina will dispose of used motor oil. Call 260-495-4915 for off-season hours.

Northeast Indiana Solid Waste Management District (NISWMD) has a program to properly dispose of residential hazardous waste materials including paint, light bulbs, batteries, and other items found at http://www.niswmd.org/hhw_residential.htm.

Stop the Spread of Invasive Aquatic Plant Species

Thoroughly rinse all water craft and trailers BEFORE entering and AFTER exiting any lake, river or stream.

CLEAR LAKE TOWN CALENDAR

October	2016
3	Leaf Pickup Begins Through December 2, 2016
10	Town Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
17	Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
24	Plan Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
31	Halloween Trick-Or-Treat, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

November	2016
8	General Election, 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Town Hall
14	Town Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
24/25	Town Offices Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

December	2016
2	Leaf Pickup Ends
T	Town Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Town Hall
19	Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
26	Town Offices Closed for Christmas Holiday

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