



Clear Lake

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NEWS

TOWN OF CLEAR LAKE

I'm sure everyone is glad Spring has finally sprung and Winter is behind us. We're all ready to put docks and boats into the water and get our yards cleaned up.

Here is a schedule of relevant town pick-up services:

Leaf pick-up: Tues., May 22, and Wed., May 23 (additional pick-up will be scheduled, if needed)

Unlimited trash collection: Monday, June 4; Monday, July 2; Tuesday, September 4

Regular trash pick-up, curbside: every Monday

Bi-weekly recycle pick-up: see Town Calendar (*see page 6*) or visit www.townofclearlake.org

The **new trash and recycling carts** have been distributed. **Please call town hall (260-495-9158) if you want a recycling cart and have not received one.** As in the past, if carts are left out by the road, they must be stored in a cart enclosure. The town does not regulate the containers or corrals as long as they are free-standing and placed at least three feet from the edge of the roadway. The trash collection company requests that any structures be **three sided** so that the carts do not need to be lifted in and out. Please contact the town hall for a list of contractors who have offered to construct corrals. We also have a list of individuals who can be hired to take your containers out to the road or return them to your property after garbage has been emptied.

This fall the town is planning to complete a **road project** that has been in the planning stages for several years, the reconstruction of Fountain Beach Drive, including widening the intersection at South Clear Lake Drive. The current intersection is very tight and inaccessible to vehicles pulling trailers or large vehicles like fire trucks. The widening will improve emergency response to a large portion of South Clear Lake Drive. Engineering is also being completed on three small, road projects, as well as repair or replacement of two culverts for next year.

We had several people inquire about **swim buoys** last year so the town and the Clear Lake Association have budgeted to purchase new ones. Please contact the town hall if you would like a swim buoy. If you have a buoy and don't plan to use it, please call the town hall to arrange to have it picked up.

This summer please remember the Town of Clear Lake's **leash law** that applies to **all areas within the town limits, including the county park and Kasota Island.** It is unlawful to allow dogs to run at large; they must be on a leash at all times when outdoors. Owners are also required to pick up waste left by their pets. If you have guests or renters, it is your responsibility to share this pet information with them.

The 2018 Clear Lake Directory will be available for pick up at the **Town Hall** later in May. Business hours for the town hall are **Monday through Friday from Noon to 4:00 PM** or by appointment and the phone number is **(260) 495-9158.** Copies of the Directory will also be available in the Free Little Library structure located at the south end of town hall.

Submitted by Roger Dammeier, President, Clear Lake Town Council

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

It's never too early to see if an improvement project you are considering at the lake meets the town's UDO (Unified Development Ordinance) standards. Generally, an ILP (Improvement Location Permit) is required for decks, fences, sheds, generators, concrete work, new structures and other projects involving modifications to existing structures or driveways. Mike Long is filling in as Zoning Administrator until that position is filled. The Zoning Administrator is available by appointment only at (260) 495-9158 or by email at zoning@townofclearlake.org.

CONTACT INFORMATION REMINDER TO ALL CLEAR LAKE RESIDENTS

If you have made any changes in your postal or email addresses or phone number(s) over the winter, please let me know. I try to keep this information up to date in case there is a need to contact you for any reason throughout the year. There is a form available on the town's website (www.townofclearlake.org) or you can contact me by phone (260-495-9158) or email (billing@townofclearlake.org). Thank you.

Submitted by Brenda Eby, Utility Clerk, Town of Clear Lake

CLEAR LAKE ASSOCIATION

In an effort to keep communication concise and relevant, CLA Newsletter will be published twice a year, early May and late August. We hope the information provided helps owners/residents keep in touch with events and guidelines to keep Clear Lake a lovely, healthy, and safe place to spend time. Beth McCracken is editor of the newsletter (bmccracken404@gmail.com) and Bonnie Brown distributes the newsletter electronically. If you have changed your email address over the winter or know of someone who would like to receive this newsletter by email, please contact Bonnie (bonniedon1@gmail.com).

BOATER SAFETY CLASS will be sponsored again this year by the Clear Lake Association. This one-day class is conducted by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, covers all Indiana boating laws and regulations, and is approved by the State of Indiana. It will be held **Saturday, June 9, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm** at Town Hall, 111 Gecowets Drive. There is **NO CHARGE** for this class and a pizza lunch and beverages will be provided to all who participate. In the past all attendees successfully completed the course and received their Boater Safety certificates. To register go to: www.register-ed.com/programs/indiana/104-indiana.../agency:25.



The annual **July 4th Holiday Fireworks** display will be held **Saturday, June 30**, at dusk with a rain date scheduled the next evening, Sunday, July 1. This annual lake tradition is financed through your CLA membership dues and donations. When your annual membership letter arrives in May, please join your association. Not only does your money provide for swim buoys, the Free Little Library and the events described above, but also benefits several local community organizations, such as the Fremont Fire Department, the Steuben County Humane Society and the Steuben County Sheriff's Department Lake Patrol. Thank you.

MARSHAL'S REPORT

Welcome home! The Clear Lake Police Department is glad to see everyone back and we are looking forward to a safe and fun summer. Over the winter months we have added a Deputy Marshal whom you will be seeing around the lake. Eric Patterson joins us from the Steuben County Sheriff's Office and brings over 12 years of law enforcement experience with him.

We at the Clear Lake Police Department want to remind all of our residents of an easy phrase: "See something, say something". If you see suspicious activity or something that just doesn't look right, we encourage you to contact us immediately at our dispatch number of **(260) 665-3131** or 911 in the event of an emergency. We need the help of all of our residents to keep a safe and secure community. Property crimes in our community have been relatively low over the winter months, but we still encourage our residents to be vigilant and diligent in locking doors and windows, both in your residence and in your vehicles.

We also wish to extend a friendly reminder to check your **golf cart registrations** for the expiration date. Renewal is quick, easy, and can be completed at the Town Hall. If you have a new cart for registration, simply stop by the Town Hall and we will schedule a time to have an officer come out and complete your registration and inspection.

Lastly, as our community fills with the warmer weather, increased traffic will come right along with it. The posted **25 mph speed limit** is just that, a limit. There are many places throughout our community where 25 mph **may be too fast** when pedestrian and bicycle traffic is heavy. Please be aware of these areas and allow the lake life to slow you down and relax.

Submitted by Chris Emerick, Town Marshal

PAVILION NEARS COMPLETION



The Pavilion at Community Memorial Park is nearing completion right on schedule for the Community **Furniture Build** on Saturday, **May 19**, and Saturday, **June 2**. The decorative landscaping will add finishing touches as spring weather permits. Thank you to the many donors in the Clear Lake community who are making this beautiful resource available for Clear Lake family, friend and community gatherings. Donations are still most welcome. Opportunities to reserve the Picnic Pavilion will be available soon.

Please join the Clear Lake Lutheran Church **Dedication** Service at 9:00 am Sunday, **June 10**, at The Pavilion. Special music will be provided by soprano soloist Stephanie Carlson of Ft. Wayne.

Submitted by Karen Horrell, Chair of Pavilion Project Committee

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CLEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP LAND CONSERVANCY

Happy spring! We are eager to be outside with the onset of warmer weather and sunshine. The Conservancy stayed busy through the winter. The newly-formed Education Committee is off and running. Educational opportunities for our community are in the works. Stay tuned for details. Each Board Committee drafted or re-visited their respective Charters to ensure a guided and efficient focus on the important work completed by each committee. Look for those documents on the About Page at clearlakeconservancy.org. Please mark your calendars each **Friday in July** for our **Knee-high Naturalist** program this year from 10:00 am – 11:30 am. More details are coming soon!

The **Kasota Island Restoration Project** will continue as the warm weather sets in. Work will begin this spring on the plant installation along the glacial stone seawall installed last fall. Temporary fencing will be placed around the shoreline to help protect the plants from wave energy and waterfowl. The temporary fencing will remain in place through much of the summer season. We will have a better time line to share once the plantings begin. Under direction from our Lands Committee, the Board of Directors hired Blue Heron Ministries for landscape design on the Kasota Island Nature Preserve. The design will identify trees, shrubs, and plantings that are native to the area and will thrive on the island. Our goal in this phase of the Kasota Restoration Project is to keep open space and mowed lawn, while removing and controlling invasive plants and replacing ornamentals planted as transitional ground cover before the restoration project. Native landscaping will survive with less care, cost, and maintenance and will support Land Trust Best Practices and the long-term conservation goals of the Lands Committee and Conservancy. Project updates can be found at <https://clearlakeconservancy.org/news/kasota-island-restoration-project-updates>.

As a reminder, 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, do not have fires outside of the designated locations, and please refrain from bringing glass ashore.

Our annual Board of Directors meeting will be on Friday, **July 27th at 4:00 pm** at Town Hall. We look forward to this opportunity to hear from you.

Bridget Harrison
Executive Director
clearlakeconservancy.org



SPRING INTO ACTION

Welcome Spring! Each year we share ways to prepare for the summer season in our beautiful community. We will continue our “clear” legacy only if we become a total “Community of Stewards” as we all do our individual part to contribute to the health of our waters.

If you choose to fertilize your lawn and do an early spring application, please remember to:

- Use only phosphorus free materials. The middle number on the bag indicates the amount of Phosphorus. This number should be zero.
- Request phosphorus free fertilizer from lawn application services.
- Leave a strip of unfertilized lawn along the lake edge as a buffer.

- Consider testing your lawn before applying fertilizer to determine what chemicals are needed. *Of all the minerals and elements that feed into our waterways, phosphorus is the factor most responsible for accelerating algae and weed growth.*



Other Tips for Early Spring Clean Up:

- Clean up your pet's waste. Dog poop does not serve as a free fertilizer and it can affect our waterways.
- Keep leaves, grass, and other yard waste out of the lake and the wetlands/swamps/bogs around the lake. They are the "kidneys" of our lakes and help filter incoming water.
- The Clear Lake Marina will dispose of old motor oil. Call for more details: 260-495-4915.
- Northeast Indiana Solid Waste Management District (NISWMD) can take care of almost any disposal need including the many sticks and branches down from the windy weather. See www.niswmd.org for locations and hours.
- Consider installing natural glacial rock at your water's edge to break up wave action and capture suspended sediments.

Let's make it our goal this year to become a "Community of Stewards." It is time once again to...

"Spring Into Action!"

CLEAR LAKE TOWN CALENDAR

May 2018

- 8 Town Offices Closed for Primary Election
- 9 Plan Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall (Weds.)
- 14 Recycling pick-up
- 14 Town Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
- 22/23 Leaf Collection
- 26 Clear Lake Lions Chicken BBQ, 9:00 a.m. Clear Lake Lutheran Church
- 28 Town Offices Closed for Memorial Day Holiday
- 29 Trash pick-up (delayed due to the Memorial Day Holiday)
- 29 Recycling pick-up

June 2018

- 4 Unlimited Trash Pick-up Day.
- 9 Clear Lake Association Boater Safety Class, 8:00 a.m., Town Hall
- 10 Dedication of Community Pavilion at Clear Lake Lutheran Church, 9 a.m.
- 11 Recycling pick-up
- 11 Town Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
- 18 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
- 25 Recycling pick-up
- 30 Clear Lake Lions Chicken BBQ, 9:00 a.m. Clear Lake Lutheran Church
- 30 Clear Lake Association Fireworks - Sunset (Saturday)

July 2018

- 1 Fireworks Rain Date - Sunset (Sunday)
- 2 Unlimited Trash Pick-up Day.
- 4 Town Offices Closed for Independence Day Holiday
- 7 Clear Lake Lions 5K/10K Run, 2M Walk, 7:00 a.m. Clear Lake Lutheran Church
- 9 Recycling pick-up
- 9 Town Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
- 21 Clear Lake Association Annual Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Town Hall
- 22 Community Ice Cream Social, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Clear Lake Lutheran Church
- 23 Recycling pick-up
- 27 Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy Annual Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Town Hall

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- 6 Recycling pick-up
- 6 Plan Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Town Hall
- 13 Town Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
- 19 Kasota Island Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.
- 20 Recycling pick-up
- 20 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall

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