



**April - June 2008**

**A MESSAGE FROM THE COUNCIL  
PRESIDENT**

The Clear Lake Town Council welcomes all our summer residents back to the beautiful waters of Clear Lake. The ice has melted and docks are being installed all around the lake. The robins are back, buds are appearing on trees and bushes and the occasional call of a transient Loon can be heard. The lake level is high due to the heavy precipitation in the winter season but does not appear to be as devastating as we experienced in 2007. Swimming is still a few weeks away but, for those who maintain swim buoys, you are encouraged to place them in the lake as soon as possible. Indiana DNR regulations require they be placed no further than 200 feet from the shoreline unless special circumstances exist.

Spring is a good time to remember to practice safety at the lake. Please observe all boating regulations and courtesy when on the water and be careful when walking, jogging, or cycling on town roadways. Good manners are always in style as traffic increases.

As in many places that experienced the severity of the past winter weather, our town streets are suffering from the constant thawing and freezing. Town Superintendent Bob Hull is working hard on "Pot Hole Patrol" and is repairing them as quickly as possible. Numerous areas are in need of significant maintenance and will be repaired as the weather improves.

Contrary to what we are reading in the national news about a declining economy, new construction continues at Clear Lake. On a recent trip around the lake I counted no less than nine new homes and several remodeling projects underway. The spring thaw has taken place and home owners and contractors are encouraged to

keep construction areas and streets as clean as possible.

The Town hopes to begin construction on a new storage building within the next several weeks. This facility will be located near the sewer pumping station behind the town hall and will be used to store town vehicles as well as a facility to repair sewer grinders and pumps.

The new five-person Town Council is in place and acclimating themselves to the tasks at hand. The individual strengths and experience of members will fortify the effectiveness and efficiency of Council. You are encouraged to attend Town Council, Plan Commission, and Board of Zoning Appeals meetings. Join us in creating a positive atmosphere for town government. Dates are listed in the town directory as well as the local newspaper.

Have an enjoyable and safe summer and enjoy all the amenities our community offers!

Larry Armstrong  
Council President

**MEET YOUR TOWN COUNCIL**

Larry Armstrong is serving his second term on the Town Council and currently serves as the Council President. Larry and his wife Kay have spent many years on Clear Lake and became permanent residents in 1997. Larry earned a B.A. and Masters Degrees from the University of Toledo. Larry served on the Toledo police force rising to the rank of Captain before retiring. He then became Chairman of the Criminal Justice/Fire Science Department of Owens State. Larry has a long list of goals for our town. Short-term he is very concerned about street repair and maintenance as well as construction of a sewer maintenance and storage building near the town

hall. Larry has been very active in the development of the Clear Lake Master Plan and is working for the completion of the revised controls and ordinances. Long-term, the master plan must be maintained as well as the development of watershed controls to protect the water quality of Clear Lake.

Paul Federspiels grandfather was the first Town Board President and helped organize Clear Lake as a Town. He and his wife, Kathy Latz, have been full-time residents since 1998 having purchased their home in 1977. Prior to his election to the town council Paul has been very active at Clear Lake served at some time as the President of the Clear Lake Association, the Clear Lake Plan Commission and is currently the President of the Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy. Paul's 30 years of experience in banking support his goal of enhancing fiscal resources for the town. He also wants full-time residents as our local government representatives which is now the case with the current town council membership.

Bob Lewis worked hard with the Clear Lake Association to have the town council membership expanded from 3 to 5 members. Bob also served for over 10 years on the Clear Lake Sewer committee making our sewer system a reality. Bob and his wife Karen and their two sons and families have enjoyed Clear Lake for many years. Bob was a therapist for several years after obtaining his Bachelors and Masters Degrees from Indiana University. In 1971 he made the move to the business world joining State Farm Insurance. Bob has held numerous positions with State Farm where he is still an agent. Bob wants to involve more of the Clear Lake community in projects which will benefit all property owners. Bob is delighted to report that we all ready have three council appointed committees of volunteers working on the-Comprehensive Plan & Ordinances, Water Quality Management and the Clear Lake History.

George Schenkel spent several years in the transportation industry following his graduation from the University of Illinois. George then became an entrepreneur and business owner in the Fort Wayne area. George was also active in Junior Achievement, Boy Scouts, Woodburn Development Corp., the Clear Lake Association

and Kasota Island Preservation committee. Even though he has moved around the country George is a lifelong Clear Laker. He and his wife Kathy replaced the original family cottage built in 1946 in 2006. His extensive business background supports his efforts to ensure that the town's spending is prudent and proper. George is very interested in ways to increase the revenue for Clear Lake in a period of falling revenues. He also is interested in enhancing the professionalism of all employees, appointed and elected people in our town government.

Sue Williams and her husband Thomas have been property owners on Clear Lake for 37 years and have lived here permanently since 2003. She has raised 5 children on Clear Lake and is now busy teaching 10 grandchildren how to use, enjoy and respect the lake. Sue will be working to keep Clear Lake a pristine environment as well as working to strengthen the town's infrastructure.

### **THE COOKBOOK IS BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND**

Due to many recent requests, 'CLEAR LAKE CUISINE' will again be available. Prepaid orders will be accepted until the end of June and books will be shipped to you early in August.

If sufficient orders are received prior to the end of June, the shipment could be placed and arrive earlier. Your check in the amount of \$30.00 (includes shipping to your address) made payable to "Kasota Island Fund" should be mailed to:


Sandy Ayres  
766 Lake Drive-Clear Lake  
Fremont IN 46737  
OR  
1715 Prestwick Lane  
Fort Wayne IN 46814.

If three or more books are ordered to be shipped to the same address, call Sandy for the cost of shipping. Any questions call Sandy at the lake, 495-2198, or cell, 260-437-2130, or home, 260-625-4996, or email [ayrs1225@aol.com](mailto:ayrs1225@aol.com)

## April 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>6</i>	<i>7</i> -Plan Commission 7 pm Town Hall	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>13</i>	<i>14</i> -Town Council 7 pm Town Hall	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>
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<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> -Lions Club Chicken Barbeque @ Lutheran Church
<i>25</i>		<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i> -7 am Heavy Trash Pickup

## June 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9-Town Council 7 pm Town Hall	10	11	12 1:00 to 5:00 Sailing School-Yacht Club	13	14-FREE Boaters Safety School Town Hall 8 to 3 Lunch provided
15	16-BZA 7 pm Town Hall	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

## July 2008

		1	2-Knee-High Naturalists 9-11:30 am	3	4- 	5-Lions Club Chicken Barbeque Lutheran Church 9 to noon -Boat Parade 1 pm -CL ASSOCIATION FIREWORKS@ DUSK
6	7	8	9-Knee-High Naturalists 9-11:30 am	10	11	12-5K/10K Walk-Run 8 am Lutheran Church -Kasota Island Community Celebration
13	14-Town Council 7 pm Town Hall	15	16-Knee-High Naturalists 9-11:30 am	17	18	19-Clear Lake Association Annual Meeting 9:30 am St Paul's Catholic Chapel
20	21-Plan Commission Town Hall 7 pm	22	23-Knee-High Naturalists 9-11:30 am	24	25	26
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## **SAFE HAZARDOUS WASTE & YARD WASTE DISPOSAL**

The Northeast Indiana Household Hazardous Waste Program opens Friday April 18<sup>th</sup> for the 2008 Season. The hours of Operation are FRIDAYS ONLY 8:00 AM until NOON .

Materials such as used paint, oil, pest and pool chemicals, cleaners, propane tanks, TVs and all electronics will be accepted. Very reasonable fees apply. Paperback and hardback books, household batteries and used shoes can be recovered for free.

The waste site is located approximately one mile East of I-69 on State Road 4 (Exit 140 Ashley-Hudson) Call 1-800-777-5462 for further Information.

The Steuben County Compost Lot opens Monday April 14<sup>th</sup>. The hours of operation are Monday – Friday 8:00 am- 7:00 pm and Saturday- 8:00am to 3:00 pm. Materials accepted for recycling include, leaves, branches, and grass clippings. Free Mulch may be available at the lot. The compost lot is located on CR 175 N, northwest of Angola adjacent to the Steuben County 4H Fairgrounds.

## **MARSHAL REPORT**

As many of you are aware, the Clear Lake Police Department has gone through many changes over the winter. Shortly after the former Marshal was placed on suspension, I was contacted and began patrolling on a part-time basis.

My name is John Gonya and I am honored to be providing police services for Clear Lake and look forward to meeting with every resident. I have not had much of a chance to meet people due to patrolling nights while most residents are sleeping. I feel the night patrol's are needed in the winter hours because of so many seasonal properties and also due to recent burglaries in the area. Unfortunately, Clear Lake was the site of three burglaries over the winter and those investigations are ongoing.

As summer comes upon us, we are faced with the need for more police patrol. Town Superintendent Bob Hull, Council President Larry Armstrong, and I have discussed this and have

managed to hire two very qualified officers to assist with providing police services. The officer's hired are Rich McCarty and Darren Compton. The three of us are looking forward to working in conjunction with all Clear Lake resident's to ensure a safe summer for the resident's and their guests. We will be providing patrol by car and boat and ask that common sense be used when driving around a busy Lake Drive and while using your boat or other watercraft.

Rich McCarty, like me, works full time for the Sheriff's Department. Rich is our evidence technician and a child safety seat technician. Rich is also a member of the SWAT Team and is certified in Methamphetamine Lab cleanup. Rich lives in the area and will be able to respond to Clear Lake if an emergency arises and no officers are on duty. Rich graduated from Fremont High School and Findlay College where he played football. I am sure many of you already know Rich because it seems we cannot go anywhere without someone knowing him.

Darren Compton was a Corporal and SWAT Team leader for the Sheriff's Department before accepting a job with the Los Angeles Police Department. He recently returned from Los Angeles and is working for the Allen County Sheriff's Department where he started his career and where his father is the master trainer for K-9's. Darren is married with 3 children and his wife is a teacher at Carlin Park Elementary school in Angola.

If you see the Clear Lake police car out on the roads or the Clear Lake police boat on the water, feel free to wave us down and introduce yourself. Whenever an officer is on duty, he will be carrying the cell phone and can be contacted by calling the police number at 495-9620. **All calls for police and medical emergencies are obtained by dialing 9-1-1.** We look forward to providing proactive police services that are responsive to resident's concerns.

John Gonya  
Clear Lake Marshal

**CLEAR LAKE ASSOCIATION  
FIREWORKS  
JULY 5<sup>TH</sup> @ DUSK**

## **CLEAR LAKE-CLEARLY AHEAD OF THE GAME**

At a recent ILMS (Indiana Lakes Management Society) conference the consistent topic of discussion was weed and algae control. One of the major recommendations across the board was to limit the amount of phosphorus entering our lake waters. Phosphorus, as you are all aware, literally acts as a “Junk Food” nutrient for green plants. One pound of phosphorus promotes 10,000 pounds of weed and algae growth. Phosphorus is a component of most lawn fertilizers which helps grow that nice GREEN turf on our lawns. However, the run off also promotes that “not so nice” and potentially harmful GREEN weed growth and recurring algae blooms in the lake. As written in several previous articles, we can have BOTH Green Lawns and Clear Waters! Thanks to Clear Lake's persistence and 2007 ordinance to ban phosphorus fertilizer use within our town limits, the majority of area retailers and lawn services now carry Phosphorus Free Fertilizers. Good Job Clear Lakers. We are definitely ahead of the game!

For those who use lawn fertilizer, an updated (March 31, 2008) comprehensive list of merchants and lawn care services that carry or use Phosphorus Free products is given below:

### ***RETAILERS WITH PHOSPHORUS FREE FERTILIZERS:***

- FREMONT HARDWARE
- BAKERS ACRES - BOTH STORES
- FRANZ NURSERY
- MENARDS
- MEIJER
- RURAL KING

Note: Wal-Mart has informed us they will not carry phosphorous free fertilizers until 2009.

### ***PHOSPHORUS FREE APPLICATION SERVICES***

- KEITH'S LAWN- 833-3440
- GREEN GROW- 800-729-5322
- NITRO GREEN 668-5555
- ALL GREEN 668-7733
- TRU GREEN 800-997-4758
- TURF ONE 866-367-3856

## **SAILING SCHOOL**

The Clear Lake Sailing School will offer three days of Sailing instruction for those 9 and older at the Yacht Club on Clear Lake (186 Lake Drive). The program will begin Wednesday, June 11, 2008, and end Friday, June 13. Instruction will commence at 1:00 PM each day and end at 5:00. Students should bring a snack and a life preserver. The cost for all three days is \$50. Registration is open right up to the starting session, but we hope that those intending to enroll will notify Jim Grant via email [iyi@verizon.net](mailto:iyi@verizon.net) or phone – 260-503-9288.

## **THE CLEAR LAKE STORY**

Many Clear Lake aficionados possess a copy of the *Clear Lake Story* written in 1982 by our own Elizabeth (Lib) Hanna. This historical story was written in coordination with our towns' 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. An effort has begun to again capture the history of our beloved Clear Lake and expand upon the story. The book will feature the history of Clear Lake beginning with the Indians and the early settlers, and then our story will follow all of the events leading to Clear Lake as we know it today. The book will exhibit lots of pictures and the postcards that are viewable on the Clear Lake website as well as our infamous Silas Doty. We also would like to include the family stories of those families that have been here for generations and the original homes that still stand today. Of course all of the organizations, businesses and churches will be included, too. I am looking for this “Coffee Table” book to be available in 2009.

This project is in the very early stages of forming a committee and collecting information. Although, I have already spoken to many of you to help with this project, we still need a few more persons to round out the committee. **MOST IMPORTANT: I am also looking for any articles of history and/or pictures that any of you may possess or know of that we would be able to include in our story.** If you have interest in helping with this project or have articles of interest, please contact me, Bonnie Brown @ 260-495-2771 or e-mail: [donbon1@verizon.net](mailto:donbon1@verizon.net)

## **CLEAR LAKE ANNUAL 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY BOAT PARADE**

- Who: Anyone with a Boat and Motor (Pontoon, Ski, Fishing, etc.)
- What: Decorate your boat in a theme of your choice (Remember: it's the Lake and Independence Day weekend...have fun!)
- When: Saturday, July 5, 2008 at 1:00 P.M. (Judging begins)  
Awards to be give out at approximately 1:15 P.M. in front of the Yacht Club with parade to follow.
- Where: Judging: In front of the Yacht Club  
Parade: From Yacht Club to Kasota Island. Around island counter-clockwise to Paradise Point. Then go around the lake in a counter clockwise direction.

For additional information contact Co-Chair people Karen and Tom Humbrecht (260-341-3760) or Kathy and George Schenkel (260-495-4052)

### **WANTED**

The Clear Lake Association needs one or two additional pontoon boats to be used as launching platforms for the annual fireworks display.

We do not need the motor. We do not need the steering/throttle controls. We do not need the seats. We do not need the railings or lights. All we need is the tubes and a good deck.

If you have a used pontoon boat which you'd like to donate to the Clear Lake Association please contact Greg Brown, 495-2278.

### **2ND EDITION OF THE CUSTOM HISTORICAL CLEAR LAKE MAP**

Fifteen years ago, local artist Doug Johnson produced beautiful watercolor Clear Lake Historical Maps. At that time, 200 numbered custom paintings were sold by Sullins' House in Fremont and have become treasured heirlooms in many Clear Lake homes. The map, painted with the water of Clear Lake, depicts the history of Clear Lake dating back to the early 1800's. Numerous points of interest are detailed as well as

several historical homes. Many Clear Lake home owners are listed in the framing of the map.

Interest in the paintings by a number of Clear Lake home owners has resulted in a request for Doug to do a second edition to be ready for sale this summer. The price will be in the \$200 - \$350 range (for the picture only) depending on what custom items you want to include. This edition has been revised to include significant events of the last 15 years and additional historical points of interest.

Bonnie Brown is compiling a list of those interested in purchasing a 2nd edition painting. Please call: 260-495-2771 or e mail: [donbon1@verizon.net](mailto:donbon1@verizon.net) if you would like to see and/or order a map.

## **FREE BOATER SAFETY CLASS**

*Sponsored by the Clear Lake Association*

**June 14, 2008**  
**8:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

**CLEAR LAKE TOWN HALL**

Open to everyone 11 and older. We encourage parents and Grandparents to attend.

**\*All materials and lunch will be provided\***

**CALL 495-4180 OR 317-844-2770 BY  
JUNE 8<sup>th</sup> TO ENROLL**

This class qualifies as a boating education course for those under age 16 and may also help you to qualify for a rate reduction on your boating insurance

Jim Kidd will conduct the class again this year.

## **ADDRESS AND STREET NAME CHANGES**

Steuben County GIS Coordinator, Steuben County Communications and the Steuben County Addressing Committee requested that the Town of Clear Lake change five addresses in Penner Estates. The changes needed to be made due to the fact that these were four cul-de-sac streets. These streets had houses on them but the addresses were all for Penner Drive. The Council approved the address changes to reflect the street that the home is located on. For example, an old address was 235 Penner Drive but the house was actually located at the end of John Court, so the new address is 25 John Court. If the resident has an emergency, the emergency responses computer screen will show John Court and where the house is located, they will know to drive down Penner Drive and turn onto John Court to find the home.

We were also asked to give the streets located inside the town limits a name rather than using a county road number to show that it is within town limits. This is going to take a period of time to accomplish but we do have County Road 775 E changed to Fountain Beach Road.

Over the next few months there will be more address and street name changes. The goal of the Steuben County Agency, Emergency Response and Clear Lake Town Council is to make it easier for Emergency Rescue to find homes when an emergency arises.

If your home happens to be one that has to have an address changed, please realize we know that an address change can be a big burden but if you weigh out the problems of not being able to locate your home in an emergency it is well worth the inconvenience. Bob Hull, Superintendent, Town of Clear Lake

The members 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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