

Summer 2025 Newsletter



CLEAR LAKE ASSOCIATION

27 June 2025



Summer at Clear Lake is in full swing, and we look forward to the coming months of warm memories that will be made!

On behalf of the Clear Lake Association Board of Directors, I would like to welcome everyone back to the lake for the summer. We sincerely hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer for all events and activities on and off the lake. Here are a few things to consider during the summer:

- 1) Let a neighbor know if someone is going to be on your property so they aren't worrying about who is there or what they are doing.
- 2) Make sure your contact information is up to date with the Town Hall.
- 3) Respect neighboring property especially if fireworks are a part of your celebrations.
- 4) Keep street right of ways clear when parking near the street.

We have sent the annual Clear Lake Association membership renewal forms to Clear Lake residents. If you have not received your renewal form in the mail, we may not have an up-to-date address and contact information for you in our files. Please send an email to president@clearlakeassociation.org if you did not receive the form, and include the resident address so that an enrollment form can be sent to your current address.

If you find it more convenient, you may also use our secure link at zeffy.com/ticketing/clear-lake-association-memberships--2025 to complete your annual membership form and dues payment. (NOTE: a voluntary fee is available for use with this app, however no fee is required and the CLA receives 100% of all donated and membership payments. We hope to have a minimum of one association member for each residence.)

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CLA Membership

The CLA has an opening on the Board of Directors, as Grant Goeglein's term has ended. On behalf of the CLA, we thank Grant for his contributions. If you have an interest in joining the CLA Board of Directors, you can contact any board member or send a request to president@clearlakeassociation.org and you will be contacted. The CLA meets three (3) times each year at the Town Hall to discuss a range of topics.

Lastly, the annual membership meeting will be held at the Town Hall on July 19th at 9am and will conclude at 10am. All association members are invited and welcome to attend.

Alex Connett, President

Clear Lake Association

president@clearlakeassociation.org



This summer's fireworks show, presented once again by Pyrotecnico, will take place on **Saturday, July 5 at 10pm.** (The rain date will be Sunday, July 6 at 10pm.)

The road will be closed at noon on July 5 to allow for set-up.

A special thanks goes to the fireworks after-show cleanup crew: Tyson Johnston's company & Marshall Johnston.

TOWN OF CLEAR LAKE UPDATES

We would like to ask all residents to please comply when the Town and its employees send out a REACH alert or place road barricades (or you see workers) regarding a road closure, sewer repair, or other situation. This is done for your safety and the safety of our employees and contractors. It also allows our workers to expedite any repair they are working to fix. In most situations, time is of the essence.

This applies to cars, ATVs, golf carts, bicycles, and walkers too. Often, large equipment is needed to do the repairs, and it is difficult for our workers to see around the equipment. Although you might think you can easily walk by, it could actually put you in an unnecessary and dangerous situation.

If your property is impacted, you will receive a call from the Town of Clear Lake. If you are not impacted, it only delays the process when the workers have to stop and manage 'site visitors or passersby.'

Please act as you would want others to if it was a situation at your property. Respect for our neighbors and employees is just one of the many reasons Clear Lake is so special. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Marshal's Report

Summer is upon us again and there are a few things we would like to remind everyone. The ordinance pertaining to fireworks in the Town of Clear Lake is as follows:

94.02 CONSUMER USE OF FIREWORKS.

No person within the corporate boundaries of the town shall use or display or permit to be used or displayed any type of consumer fireworks on any other day or time other than the following:

- (A) June 29, June 30, July 1, July 2, July 3, July 5, July 6, July 7, July 8, July 9, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. to two hours after sunset.
- (B) July 4 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight.
- (C) Memorial Day between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.
- (D) Labor Day between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.
- (E) Between the hours of 10:00 a.m. on December 31 and 1:00 a.m. on January 1; and
- (F) No other date or time is permitted for consumer use of fireworks.

CONSUMER FIREWORKS include:

- (1) Aerial devices, which include, but are not limited to, skyrockets, missile type rockets, helicopter or aerial spinners, roman candles, mines, and shells.
- (2) Ground audible devices, which include, but are not limited to, firecrackers, salutes, and chasers; and
- (3) Firework devices containing combinations of the effects described in divisions (1) and (2) of this definition.

As we live near each other, please consider your neighbors when lighting off fireworks.

As our community is filled with warmer weather, increased traffic will come 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. If you are walking around the lake, walk against traffic, and if bicycling, ride with traffic and obey traffic laws.

Please Stay Safe on the Water! Life jackets are at the core of safe boating, whether using a motorized or non-motorized vessel. Good swimmers still need life jackets. When people fall off a boat, they may become disoriented, injured, or unconscious. Life jackets can keep victims' heads above water so they can breathe and be rescued more easily. Every child should always wear a life jacket when boating.

We would like to remind everyone to watch for suspicious activity and report it immediately. Please keep your vehicles locked with the keys removed and take any valuables from your vehicle. The non-emergency number for Steuben County Communications is 260-665-3131. It does make a difference and keeps Clear Lake a safe place to live.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy summer.

Chris Emerick
Clear Lake Town Marshal

From the office of the Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy

For over 20 years, the Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy has hosted area youth for environmental education lessons at our Knee-high Naturalist program.



This year we are pleased to offer an exciting lineup led by local educators. See the following page for details on each program. All programs are held on Fridays from 10:00 to 11:30 at our Memorial Woods property (unless otherwise noted), open to the public, and free for all! Don't forget your blankets or lawn chairs for grass sitting.



We are excited to see naturalists of all ages for this year's Knee-high Naturalists program. Thanks to Josie Kramer and Megan Morris for beginning this tradition, which has become a favorite summer memory for over 20 years. We can't wait to see you there!



Caroline Barth
Executive Director
clearlakeconservancy.org

Summer Adventures with Knee High Naturalists

On **July 11**, our Knee-high season kicks off with **"BUGS, BUGS, BUGS"** with Elysia Rodgers, ANR Educator with Purdue Extension in DeKalb County. Come ready to explore the amazing world of bugs. Learn how insects eat, communicate, and play vital roles in nature through fun, hands-on activities.



On **July 18**, join the fun at **"Water Quality in Steuben County"** with Professor Sam Drerup from the Trine University Biology Department. Learn all about water quality and what you can do to keep our water healthy. Explore what's in our water and identify what **macroinvertebrates (tiny water bugs)** can tell us about our water.

On **July 25**, get ready for your next outdoor experience with **"Wilderness 101"** with educators from the Steuben County Soil and Water Conservation District. Master essential **wilderness survival skills** and be ready to learn the importance of teamwork, resilience, and how to thrive in the great outdoors.



Our final session of the summer will be on **August 1**. Get ready to cast a line at the *Clear Lake Marina* for **"Gone Fishin'"** with Naturalists from Pokagon State Park. **Learn about native fish, hook your worm, and cast a line!** Bring your own fishing pole if you have one and a life jacket for safe dock sitting. A special thank you to the Clear Lake Marina for hosting us for this event.

JOIN US FOR THE COMMUNITY CONSERVANCY EVENT OF THE SUMMER!



Saturday, July 12 - 8:30 - 11:30AM

**Clear Lake Lutheran Church Pavilion
270 Outer Drive, Clear Lake IN**

**Join the 5K or 10K race!
Or enjoy the 1M Fun Walk / Run for families!**

Fun Day (9:00 - 11:30) for the whole family includes:

- Scavenger hunt
- Beached Boys food truck
- Carnival bounce house
- Face painting
- Dunk tank
- DJ music & entertainment

THERE IS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

Runners and walkers, go to **RunSignup.com/CLTLC** and sign up today!
Registration deadline for preferred t-shirt size - June 20

5K AND 10K RUN

Race starts at 8:30 • Registration begins at 7:30

\$30 now, \$40 starting June 13, \$45 day of race.

1M FUN RUN/WALK

Race starts at 9:00 • Registration begins at 7:30

\$20 all ages - Children 5 and under are free

Net proceeds are in support of the Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy.
You can help protect and preserve the area for generations to come!



SCAN to
SIGN UP!

Preserving, protecting, and managing the natural environment
within the watershed and township for future generations.



A Note from the Editor

Helping run an environmental summer camp here in Florida, I've spent much of this month swimming in natural springs, kayaking through lakes and streams, and scooping water samples from ponds to study the fascinating critters that live in the water. On top of those amazing summer camp duties, I've been lucky enough to help release a manatee back into a river and witness a sea turtle lay her eggs on the beach by the light of the moon.

Spending time in, on, and around the water is a classic summer ritual, and though it may vary from location to location, water is a powerful force that shapes the natural world and brings us together to create fond memories. Though I have adored every second of my Florida summer so far, I'm just as excited for my annual summer return to Clear Lake coming up soon!

For those of you reading this newsletter, I'm sure you'll agree that Clear Lake has a special kind of magic that rivals even the most impressive destinations around the world, and that's what keeps us all coming back. That magic might look a little different for each of us, but for me, a perfect summer day at Clear Lake involves rising early for a morning paddle on the calm water with the birds and turtles to keep me company, a day spent swimming and relaxing with my family, and a majestic sunset followed by the flicker of lightning bugs.

I hope everyone is savoring their own personal brand of Clear Lake magic this summer, and that you all have a safe Independence Day holiday!

One final note: my article about butterflies at Clear Lake will be published on June 23, so go peek at clearlakeconservancy.org to read it and learn more!

Ellie Shultz

Call for submissions: If you would like to submit a photo of Clear Lake for a chance to have it featured in the mid-summer newsletter, please email it to Ellie at eashultz14@gmail.com by Friday, August 15, 2025.

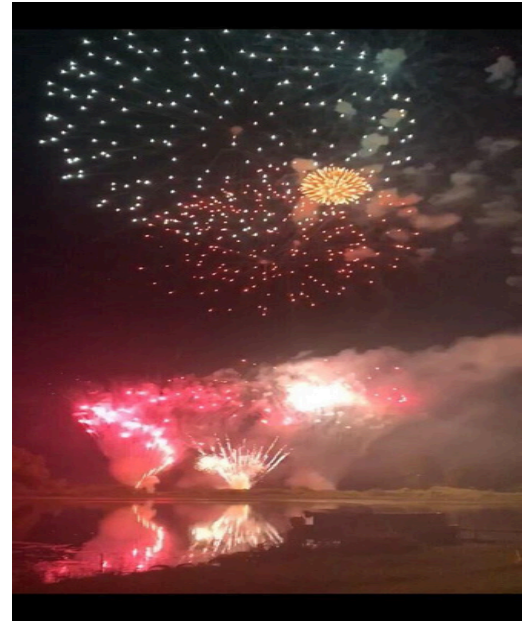




Clear Lake Association
Annual Membership Registration
2025

Membership dues and donations enable your Clear Lake Association to provide funds to benefit the entire Clear Lake community with these activities:

- **CLA Newsletter** (*Spring, Summer, Fall updates*)
- **Buoy Project** (*maintain & improve Clear Lake buoys*)
- **Little Free Library** (*located next to Town Hall*)
- **Financial Support to Local Groups**
 - ~ Fremont Fire Department
 - ~ Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy
 - ~ Steuben County Underwater Rescue & Recovery
 - ~ Indiana Search & Response K-9 Team
- **July 4th Holiday Fireworks** (***Saturday, July 5, 10 PM***)
Rain Date Sunday, July 6, 10 PM



Please complete the enclosed Membership Form and return with your check OR we're pleased to offer an **online option this year** to renew your CLA membership with a credit card, ACH, or Apple/Google pay. Please direct any membership renewal questions to Rita Brown at: gogosglass@gmail.com

You can process your membership by credit card, ACH, Apple/Google pay and update contact information at the QR code or at:



Dues	\$ 30.00
Donation	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____

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