



Clear Lake Association

Summer 2023 Newsletter

COUNTDOWN TO THE HOLIDAY WEEKEND

The weather seems to be warming up this week and that should help us get in the mood for the July 4th weekend that's fast approaching. As you are beginning to anticipate visits from family and guests who might be joining you, we hope the information enclosed will give a "heads up" about how to have a fun, safe holiday. Of course, the "Main Event" is the annual CLA fireworks display planned for **Saturday, July 1, 10:00 pm**. In case of extreme weather, the show will be postponed to Sunday, July 2. Please see the information on the next page contributed by CLA Board Member Mandy Gleave who has worked hard to plan and coordinate this event. John Wilhelm continues to be our "Plan Ahead" guy who contacts the Fremont Fire Department for their stand-by presence and arranges to close the street to allow for set up. Good news this year! Pyrotecnico Fireworks Company does not need to shut off access to the West Clear Lake Drive location until noon since they program the computers in advance off site. Thus, walkers, runners, bikers, golf carts, other vehicles can still use that stretch of road all morning. **Barricades will be set up at noon between 230 and 256 West Clear Lake Drive** to assure safety for all. Thanks to board members who will help with Sunday morning clean up.



Each year the Association applies for the state permit to allow the Goose Roundup. Darin Thorpe will spearhead the project to safely relocate geese from Clear Lake to another approved location. It takes place each year sometime in June when geese are molting, which keeps them earthbound until their new feathers appear. Thanks to all the volunteers who help with this effort to reduce the pollution from geese overpopulation.

Response to the CLA Membership Letter mailed to 610 households in the spring has been positive. As of May 26, we have received 292 checks. Dues are still just \$30 annually, so we encourage all Clear Lake property



owners to please join your Association. We have even received some membership dues from extended family members who live out of state and only visit once or twice a year, but care enough about Clear Lake that they want to support the activities and outreach of CLA. If sending in your dues has slipped off your radar, you can still join by completing the Registration Form on the last page of this newsletter. Each membership receives the current year's CLA sticker to display where you wish. Thank you all for your continued support.

As always, please feel free to contact me with questions, concerns or suggestions. Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Margaret Carlson
Clear Lake Association President (president@clearlakeassociation.org)

GET READY FOR FIREWORKS!



After such an enthusiastic response to last year's Labor Day fireworks show, we have again contracted with Pyrotecnico Fireworks from Ft. Wayne to give us a display worthy of this patriotic holiday. You won't want to miss their show this year! The show will begin at **10:00 pm, Saturday, July 1.** (Rain date: Sunday, July 3.) Fireworks will be shot from the same location as past shows on the street/causeway between Clear Lake and Round Lake. That section of street will be shut down on Saturday at noon to ALL pedestrian and vehicular traffic to allow for the fireworks show to be set up. As a reminder, to legally stay in compliance with the size of the firework shells being shot from the shooting site, the best viewing of the show will be by water. See you on the lake!

Mandy Gleave, CLA Board

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE CLA ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING

Each year the Clear Lake Association holds an annual meeting open to the public, so that all property owners can get updates and information relevant to the community. In accordance with CLA bylaws, it is announced to all residents through this newsletter.

Clear Lake Association Annual Public Meeting Saturday, July 15, 9:00 am at Town Hall



We encourage everyone to attend. Coffee and donuts will be served. New CLA board members will be introduced to replace those members retiring. We thank Director Bob Webster and Recording Secretary Beth McCracken, who will be stepping down after serving on the board for several years. New Directors were recently elected and will begin three-year terms in July; they are Alex Connett and Brent Myers.

Alex and his wife Susan were visitors to Clear Lake for many years before they purchased their own home at 700 South Clear Lake Drive in 2011 and started living full-time at the lake about two years ago. They recently tore down the original cottage and rebuilt a new home in its place. Alex retired last year from Human Resources with Avery Dennison in Ft. Wayne. He loves everything about Clear Lake and wants to keep it the best it can be.

Brent is married to Christine Brooks Myers and they have two children, Lily and Luke. The family live in Ft. Wayne but spend every free minute they can at the Brooks' cottage at 198 West Clear Lake Drive. He graduated from Indiana/Purdue University at Ft. Wayne in 2007 with a degree in Electrical Engineering Technology; he earned his MBA from Krannert School of Management at Purdue in 2015. He worked at BAE systems for almost 15 years until joining Moog a few months ago. The Brooks family has been on the lake for several decades. They are diligent and work hard at being supportive and present in all lake endeavors.

Please join the board in welcoming these new members. Come meet them in person at the July 15 annual meeting. Remember the CLA is *your* Association.

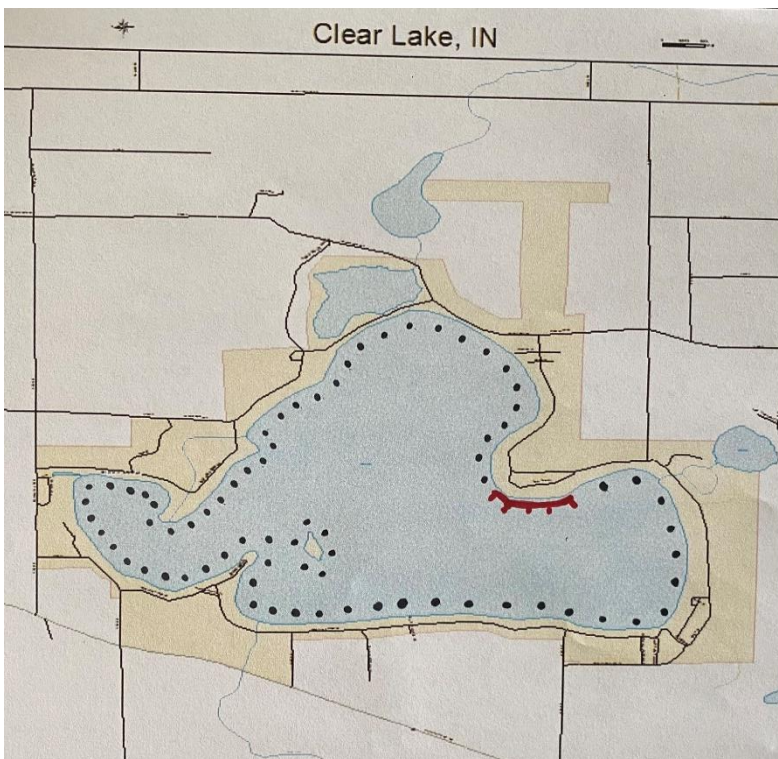
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO THE FREE LITTLE LIBRARY

Ten years ago, CLA then-Board Member Mary Lee Gecowets proposed that the Association consider supporting a book-sharing project which would enable residents and guests to take home books from a convenient lake location without needing a library card. With the board's approval, she applied for a permit, and the Clear Lake Association was granted charter #10103 to build a Free Little Library at Clear Lake. George McCracken, also a board member at the time, designed and constructed a free-standing library with plexi-glass doors that swing up for easy access. With permission from the Town Council, the structure was erected at the south end of Town Hall in the summer of 2013.

Now, 10 years later, hundreds of books have circulated back and forth between Clear Lake homes and the Little Library. Stop by and celebrate the 10th Anniversary of The Free Little Library by selecting a book to take home to enjoy. The library is currently accepting books in good condition. We especially **need gently used children's books**. CLA is grateful to our volunteer "librarian" Kathy Greiwe, 365 East Clear Lake Drive, who has been cleaning, sorting, and tending the books since 2021. George McCracken continues to maintain the physical structure with routine painting, replacing latches, etc. In the photo, George is making props to keep the glass door open so readers can browse more easily, and Kathy is ready to clean shelves for another season of book sharing.



BUOY UPDATE



Many of you have or will soon notice new buoys along the Point Park Drive shoreline. These buoys define the newly state-designated "Special Boating Zone" where the legal distance for boating is 300 feet from shore. Legal boating on the remainder of the lake is 200 feet from shore. Please reference the map and remember that boating distances include those towing water-sports devices, such as skiers, wakeboarders, etc. The CLA encourages all boaters to remain 50 feet from all buoys.

Todd Rumsey, Buoy Project Manager

BLACK marks designate Boating Zone that is 200 feet from shore.
RED marks designate Special Boating Zone that is 300 feet from shore.
Please remain 50 ft. from all buoys.

MARSHAL'S REPORT

Summer is upon us again and there are a few things we would like to remind everyone. Carefully read the ordinance listed below as it pertains to the Town of Clear Lake. Since we live near each other, please consider your neighbors when lighting off fireworks.

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 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. If you are walking around the lake, **walk against traffic and if bicycling ride with traffic** and obey traffic laws.



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. 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

THIS & THAT AROUND THE LAKE

LIONS ADD POTATO OPTION TO ANNUAL CHICKEN BARBECUE



A July 4th Lake holiday tradition is the Lions Chicken Barbecue. Chicken halves (\$10 each) will be available **Saturday, July 1**, at the Pavilion on Outer Drive. This year roasted potatoes will also be available (\$4/cup). Please place your order before Friday June 30 by contacting Roger Dammeier.

CALL or TEXT: 260-413-7480

EMAIL: clearlakelionsbarbq@mail.com

Orders should be picked up before 11:30 am. This fund raiser enables the Lions Club to give back to the community through scholarships and other local worthwhile projects.



YAKETY YAK WILL MEET AT NEW LOCATION

Thursday morning, July 13, lake ladies will gather at **9:30 am** at “What the Fork?” Restaurant in downtown Fremont. The informal group was created years ago by a few women who thought it might be nice to get together with other Clear/Round Lake ladies to relax, catch up on news and welcome any newcomers. There are no dues, no commitments, or civic projects – just easy conversation. If you have any questions, please contact Kris Gartner. (krisgartner@gmail.com)

CLLC ANNOUNCES SPECIAL GUESTS

Clear Lake Lutheran Church will be hosting an “**International Sunday**” **July 2 at 9:00 am at the Pavilion**. Fernando Tarrango will be returning to the lake from **New Zealand**, where he, his wife Lanah and their two sons have lived for several years. Lanah is the daughter of the late Joe Hake who, with wife Sally, lived for decades at 1106 South Clear Lake Drive. Fernando, a professional musician, will be singing special music during morning worship.



Claire Brown Kriel will be sharing an update about her work in **South Africa** with Lydia’s Mission, a non-profit which she founded and directs. After the service, she will also have stuffed animals available that were created by South African women, as a means to support themselves and feed their children. Claire is the daughter of Terry and Rita Brown, 1110 South Clear Lake Drive.

Pastor Jeff Corder invites the community and guests to attend this worship service in the Pavilion with the woods as a beautiful background. Pews in the pavilion and chairs in the grass are available for seating or you may remain in your golf cart.

Other guest musicians scheduled for the remainder of the summer for 9:00 am services are:

August 6 – Bagpiper Donald Ross from Rochester Hills, Michigan

August 20 – Chere’ Pepper, vocal & guitar, on **Kasota Island**

*(Note: This service is at **10:00 am** to allow for set up and boat shuttle transport from the Yacht Club.)*

September 3 (Labor Day weekend) – Stephanie Carlson, soloist from Ft. Wayne

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CLEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP LAND CONSERVANCY

We are off to a great start to our summer! Here's what the CLTLC has been doing and what's planned.

Kasota Island Clean-Up

On Saturday, June 10, we had 26 volunteers who pitched in to help clean up Kasota Island. The volunteers helped mow, weed, mulch, and cut up a lot of limbs and trees damaged by the spring storms. We thank those volunteers who helped prepare the island for summer fun!

Aquatic Vegetation Management Plan

AVMP treats an existing problem, an infestation of Eurasian watermilfoil and other invasive plants. On June 12, Scott Banfield and Aquatic Enhancement & Survey (AES) treated 26 acres of invasive watermilfoil in Clear and Round Lakes. AES believes this treatment will keep this invasive plant well under control this season. Last year, 110 acres across both lakes were treated. After the milfoil treatment takes effect, AES will continue to perform surveys to track the health of all the entire native plant community within the lakes. Additional updates will be issued throughout the season. Contact us at info@clearlakeconservancy.org with questions.



Welcome to our new Land Steward, Amy Oberlin!

On June 19, we welcomed Amy Oberlin as our new Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy Land Steward. Amy grew up in rural Steuben County, graduated from Indiana University, lives in Angola, IN and may already be known to you for her reporting and writing in local newspapers as she covered nature and environmental topics for many years, including for the Herald-Republican. Throughout her career, Amy has been involved with land conservancies and with numerous other environmental projects. Please extend a warm welcome to Amy when you see her out and about in the community!

Knee High Naturalist Programs

A full line up of Knee-High naturalist programs are planned for every Friday in July. We kick off the season on **July 7 with Soarin' Hawk Raptor Rehab!** Here is the lineup for the rest of the month:

July 14th – Clean Water, Healthy Soil

July 21st – Gone Fishin'

July 28th – Family Yoga in Nature

We know it is mission critical to introduce our youngest generation to the joys and wonder of nature. We hope to see you there! RSVP through our website: <https://clearlakeconservancy.org/>

The Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy Fun Run

Join us for a new event this year:

The Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy Fun Day on July 8!





Join the 5K or 10K race or enjoy the 1M Fun Walk/Run for families. There is something for everyone! Runners and walkers: **go to runsignup.com/CLTLC and sign up today!**

Races start and end at
Clear Lake Lutheran Church Pavilion
270 Outer Drive

7:30 AM – Registration Opens

8:30 AM - 5K and 10K Run Begins

- Kids 14 and under: \$20
- Runners 15 and over: \$35 starting June 1st; \$40 starting July 1st; \$45 day of race
- Age Groups: under 10 10-14, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49 50-59, 60+

9:00 AM 1M Fun Run/Walk Begins - \$20 all ages (Children 5 and under are free.)

There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy race participants will walk or run by the sparkling water, over picturesque bridges, past wetlands, open oak woodlands, and native prairies.

What if you aren't a walker or runner? We have more fun planned for the day! At the Lutheran Church Pavilion, from 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM, you can participate in the Koeneman Lake Scavenger Hunt, face painting, carnival bounce house, upbeat music, eat some delicious breakfast and lunch options offered in the church parking lot by the Beached Boys Grill food truck, Baker's Acres fresh corn, Sweet Pea's Bakery or mingle with your friends and neighbors.

As an added bonus, all Fun Day/Run Day participants 18 years and older are eligible to participate in a **RAFFLE!** Our top prize is a one-night stay at The Mill District, 6770 E 750 N, Fremont, IN. The on-site accommodations are in the heart of the charming history district just a stone's throw away from Clear Lake and Round Lake.

We still need volunteers for the fun day. To get involved, email info@clearlakeconservancy.org. And if you don't want to participate in the run or the walk, your donations are welcome at <https://clearlakeconservancy.org/donate> . Thank you!

All proceeds are in support of the Clear Lake Township Land conservancy. You can help protect and preserve the area for generations to come! We are honored with your support for our work to preserve these irreplaceable natural treasures for today and for the future.

Karen Horrell
President
clearlakeconservancy.org



CLEAR LAKE ASSOCIATION 2023 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please complete the Registration Form below and send it with your check to:

Clear Lake Association

P.O. Box 38

Fremont, IN 46737

(Please do NOT drop check & form at Town Hall.)

Thank you for your investment in our community!

2023 CLEAR LAKE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION (Please PRINT clearly.)

NAME(S): _____

LAKE ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

CLA Annual Membership **Dues**

\$ 30.00

Optional **Donations:**

Fireworks Display

\$ _____

Buoy Project

\$ _____

Community Projects

\$ _____

Total

\$ _____



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Bagpiper Donald Ross enters from the wooded trail which connects to Koeneman Lake one serene morning last summer.

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