



# Clear Lake Association

## Summer 2024 Newsletter

### A SIZZLYING SUMMER OF FUN



As we write this, temperatures are soaring, but that's summer at the lake. As the weather cools into the 80s, we'll be ready for July which brings wonderful holiday traditions of Clear Lake. We hope you find the information and articles in this issue to be interesting and helpful in planning how to spend time with family and friends.

Of course, the *Big Deal* of the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday is the Clear Lake Association fireworks display, set this year for **Saturday, July 6, 10:00 pm**. In case of inclement weather, the show will be delayed until the next night, Sunday, July 7. (If postponed, CL Alerts will send text.) Thanks to Chair Mandy Gleave, the contracts and permits have been filed and will be passed on to the Fremont Fire Department to hold until the completion of the event. Kudos to our local fire department for always being there "on standby". Our appreciation also goes to Guy Rogers who will help CLA board members set up the required roadblocks between **230 and 256 West Clear Lake Drive**, sometime around **noon**. Please remember that section of street must be **closed to ALL traffic** – motor vehicles, bikers, and pedestrians. Clean-up of debris from the show is a time-consuming effort so CLA is grateful to Tyson Johnston and his Company who have volunteered to handle that task.

Of course, the much-anticipated fireworks show wouldn't be possible without you, the contributing members of the Clear Lake Association. Membership Letters were mailed to 610 households this spring, and as of June 13, CLA has received 342 checks. Dues are still just \$30 annually, so if you have not yet joined your Association, please take a minute and complete the form at the end of this newsletter and mail it with your check. Donations for fireworks, buoy maintenance, community grants and other CLA projects make this outreach possible. As a "thank you," the 2024 CLA sticker will be mailed to all those who contribute. This process is a huge task for CLA Treasurer Rita Brown and we appreciate her time and effort.



One of the CLA responsibilities is to coordinate the annual Goose Roundup. Board member Alex Connett was in charge this year and worked with Conservancy Director Caroline Barth and many other hard-working volunteers to safely relocate the geese to an approved location. The process follows all state guidelines and requirements. The roundup occurred June 14, when the geese were molting, which keeps them earthbound until their new feathers appear. **We thank everyone** involved in this effort which keeps geese waste from becoming a health issue on our lawns and Kasota Island, where we and our children play.

CLA encourages everyone to mark their calendar for the Conservancy's Annual fundraiser, **The Fun Run, Saturday, July 13**. Details are provided later in this newsletter. The Association plans to have a table on location at the CLLC Pavilion, so stop and say hello. There will be CLA Membership Applications available if you've not yet had a chance to renew or create your 2024 membership.

It has been a pleasure to take on the responsibility of CLA Board Presidents these past four years and I am grateful to the talented people who helped make everything possible. This board has accomplished a lot for the good of Clear Lake: establishing and maintaining a safe system of buoys, contracting with a reliable pyrotechnics company for terrific fireworks displays, and assuring the financial responsibility for contributing to local organizations' needs. My term expires at the **July 20 Annual Meeting** and Alex Connett, fulltime lake resident, will take the reins. Please plan to attend the Annual Meeting and introduce yourself to Alex and the other new board members. Also retiring this year are Board Members Kit Tyler and John Wilhelm, as well as CLA Newsletter Editor Beth McCracken. Combined, they have provided decades of service to Clear Lake, and we appreciate all their efforts. Even though the four of us will no longer be actively committed to CLA, our support and hope for the future of the Association remains strong. Thank you all.

Margaret Carlson, President  
Clear Lake Association  
[president@clearlakeassociation.org](mailto:president@clearlakeassociation.org)

## 2024 FIREWORKS "THINGS TO KNOW"

**Scheduled Date:**

**Saturday, July 6, 10:00 pm**

*Rain Date: Sunday, July 7, 10:00 pm*

### Our Thanks to:

**Fremont Fire Department** (safety stand by)

**Guy Rogers & CLA Board Members** (set up)

**Tyson Johnston's PPG Company** (clean up)

**230 to 256 West Clear Lake Drive will be closed at noon, Saturday, July 6, to enable PYROTECNICO to safely set up fireworks.**



## LET'S HEAR IT (AGAIN) FOR THE BUOYS!



Thanks to Buoy Chair Todd Rumsey and his dedicated crew of volunteers, 117 yellow buoys were placed in the water on Saturday, May 18. The tall, white buoys for water along Point Park Drive were added May 24 and everything was finalized before the Memorial Day weekend. Todd uses the CLA range finder and a hand-held GPS, but buoys can be more accurately located in the water after a dock is put in place. The team appreciates those residents who get their docks in early. The Buoys Project Team is also testing vinyl paint and reflective tape. The buoys are owned by the CLA and not by individual homeowners. Thus, maintenance is an ongoing process. The life expectancy of each buoy is 4-6 years, so each year requires a financial investment by the Association. Your donations to the Buoy Project, along with Membership Dues, are appreciated. The buoys are placed in compliance with a permit issued by the DNR.

(Photo Above: Tom Billings drives the CL Marina pontoon workboat with other volunteers Tyson & Marshall Johnston and Chris Baker, in preparation to place buoys in the water.)

# This and That Around the Lake...

## CLEAR LAKE LIONS CLUB BARBECUE SET FOR JULY 6



Here's your chance to take a break from cooking for your clan during the holiday weekend! Reserve your chicken barbecue and potatoes now so you won't be left out on **Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup>**. Prices remain the same as last year: \$10/chicken half and \$4 per order of potatoes. Chicken can be picked up at Clear Lake Lutheran Pavilion, 270 Outer Drive, from 9:00 am until sold out. All reserved chickens must be picked up by 11:30 am. To secure your Saturday meal, contact Roger Dammeier. (260-413-7480 or [clearlakelionsbarbq@gmail.com](mailto:clearlakelionsbarbq@gmail.com))

All income generated by Clear Lake Lions Club from fund-raising events goes back to the community. In 2023, they awarded scholarships to Fremont High School seniors and made donations to Lion Leader Dogs, Project Help, Turning Point and many other worthwhile organizations. Be good to yourself as well as the Lions by ordering your chicken meals before Friday, July 5.

## CLLC FEATURES SPECIAL GUESTS FOR HOLIDAY WEEKEND

A favorite soprano of Clear Lakers, Stephanie Carlson will be returning to Clear Lake Lutheran Church to provide special music at the **9:00 am July 7** worship service. With both BA and Master's degrees in a Music and a Doctorate of Musical Arts, Stephanie has performed in concert, musical theater, and operatic stages across the US and Europe. In 2015 she moved back to her hometown of Ft. Wayne where she works for the Ft. Wayne Philharmonic and continues to perform throughout the area. This year's visit to the pavilion Stephanie will provide patriotic selections in honor of our country's birth and a vocal tribute to another CLLC guest July 7, Claire Brown.



Claire is visiting her parents, Terry and Rita Brown, 1110 South Clear Lake Drive. She will update the congregation on her work with Lydia's Mission, which she launched in 2016 to serve women and children living in poverty in eManzana, South Africa. Claire will also have stuffed animals for sale that are handmade by the women of the mission. To learn more about her work and the impact she's making there, visit [lydiasmission.org](http://lydiasmission.org).

Pastor Jeff Corder invites all the Clear Lake community and guests to attend this service. There are benches in the pavilion, chairs on the grass or participants may remain in their golf carts. In case of inclement weather, the service will be held inside the church. Future guest musicians visiting CLLC are Bagpiper Donald Ross, August 4, and Musician/Singer Chere' Pepper at Kasota Island August 18. (The Island service only is at 10:00 am; all other services at 9:00 am.)

### **OTHER SUMMER DATES OF NOTE:**

**Every Friday in July, 10:00-11:30 am** – Knee-High Naturalists

**Saturday, July 13, 8:30 am** - Clear Lake Fun Day/ Run Day at CLLC Pavilion

**Saturday, July 20, 9:00 am** – Clear Lake Association Annual Meeting at Town Hall

**Friday, July 26, 4:00 pm** – Conservancy Annual Meeting at CLLC Pavilion

Heavy Trash Day – Monday, July 1 (See town website for items NOT accepted.)





## LONG-TIME LAKER RUNS AROUND THE WORLD

Bill Hanna, a fourth-generation Clear Laker, may not have been “Around the World in 80 Days”, but he has run in major international marathons. For serious runners like Bill, there are six major marathons: Boston, New York, and Chicago in the US and Berlin, Germany; London, England; and Tokyo, Japan. These events (26.219 miles or 42.195 km) are long-term goals and challenges, and Bill has successfully completed Boston (twice), New York, and in 2022 Berlin. He recently finished the London Marathon in April of this year. Four of these international races accept runners on their qualifying time, but London and Tokyo use a lottery system, which makes it more difficult to plan for. Bill’s remaining goals are to compete in Tokyo and end the six-race challenge in Chicago, where he can be congratulated in English! The number of participants in these events is astonishing. For example, Boston Marathon has 30,000-35,000 runners, and the London Marathon had 50,000 participants. Bill indicated that the organization surrounding these races is impressive. There is a system and plan for every detail to take good care of the runners.

(Photo: Bill after completing the London Marathon in April)



Bill has always been a runner, but he didn’t move into long-distance events until he was in his 40s. He tries to run a couple marathons a year, but also likes half-marathons, which he recommends for many runners. Bill also competes in Triathlons, which is an endurance multisport race consisting of swimming, cycling and running. Training for all these events is a crucial component which requires discipline and many hours of commitment. Bill indicated the science and technology of running has improved so much over the last few years using devices to monitor heart rate, cadence and power. Surprisingly, 80% of training is quite slow and only 20% is intense. Bill said it was hard to learn that mindset for endurance running, but it helps the body not wear out as quickly. For the recent London marathon in April, he picked up his training pace last December.

Putting a race on his calendar gives Bill a focus and keeps him healthy. Wife Marie is supportive and travels with him to these marathons. He fondly calls her “his *Sherpas*,” the person who hauls all his stuff. Bill has literally run around the world, but when asked his favorite place to run, the answer was “Clear Lake.”

## 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 dates:**



- **June 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>; July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>**
- **between the hours of 1:00 p.m. to two hours after sunset.**
- **July 4<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight.**
- Memorial Day between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.
- Labor Day between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.
- Between the hours of 10:00 a.m. on Dec. 31 & 1:00 a.m. on Jan. 1 and
- No other date or time is permitted for consumer use of fireworks.

Since many of our cottages are close to each other, ***please consider your neighbors when lighting off fireworks.***

CONSUMER FIREWORKS include:

- (1) Aerial devices, which include, but are not limited to, skyrocket, 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.

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.



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.



As a reminder it is **unlawful for the owner**, or custodian of **any dog or any animal** to permit the animal to **run at large** at any time upon any street or other public or private property within the town. It is a violation if a dog is not confined on the owner's property or without a leash, cord, chain, electric collar, or not under the control of a responsible person and immediately obedient to that person's commands. Please remember that part of being a Good Neighbor is also cleaning up after your pet.

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 want to make you aware of some events occurring in July, foremost the Town fireworks will be on Saturday July 6 at 10 PM with a makeup date of Sunday July 7<sup>th</sup>. Also, please note:

- Saturday July 13 the Clear Lake Township Conservancy Run Day/Fun Day will be occurring.
- Saturday July 27 there be a triathlon.

**Please pay attention to any swimmers, bicyclists and runners/walkers during the morning hours on both days.**

Lastly, I would like to welcome Deputy Jordon Trippe to the Marshal's Office. Jordon comes to us with over 10 years of Law Enforcement experience and is excited to become a team member here at the Clear Lake Police Department. Jordon is passionate about bicycle safety and will be focusing his patrol efforts during the summer months patrolling on a bicycle. If you see him, please say hello and introduce yourself.

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

Chris Emerick  
Clear Lake Town Marshal

## UPDATES FROM THE TOWN OF CLEAR LAKE

**Heavy Trash Pickup** will be Monday, July 1, 2024, and then again on Tuesday, September 3, 2024. Please visit [townofclearlake.org](http://townofclearlake.org) for items NOT to put out for heavy trash pickup.

**Grinder Pump Accessibility** is crucial. There is a 5 feet limitation on placement of landscaping around grinders. This allows our Sewer Department staff to fix and/or repair the grinders in a timely and safer manner. Grinders are to be clear of all plantings (especially shrubs and bushes) in this 5-foot radius. Please make the effort to ensure you are in compliance with this necessary requirement.



**2024 Road Project** will begin August 1, 2024, and will involve Lakeview Drive. Please note the TOCL received up to \$825,000 (75%) grant monies from INDOT toward this road improvement as long as we can provide 25% of the monies and complete the project on time. We can all help with this by NOT removing or moving any signs or barriers that are a part of this project. You will also see our Street Department marking the underground utilities in advance. Any private utilities along Lakeview Drive that are in the easement will need to get marked by the resident. If you have any questions on this, additional information is available at the Town Hall as well as the brochure inside your 2024 TOCL Directory. Thank you in advance for your patience during this project. There will be a pre-construction meeting on this project in July at the Town Hall, date TBD. Notice will be sent out via reach alert ([reachalert.com](http://reachalert.com)).

### CLA NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S NOTE

This will be my last edition of the CLA Newsletter. I have had the honor and pleasure of writing/editing this Clear Lake communication for over eight years, but it is time to “pass the torch” to someone else. I appreciate all the contributors who have taken the time and effort to share information, news and even photos so that all the Clear Lake community can keep in touch, even if they’re not currently in the area.



We are looking for someone to take over as editor, so if you have any interest in writing/editing, please consider volunteering. I will be happy to show a new editor the processes we used in the past for formatting, adding photos and graphics or someone new can make the newsletter his/her own creation. Rita Brown handles the distribution of the newsletter using Mailchimp, so the editor’s responsibility is just to create a file and send it to her. If you’d like more information, please feel free to contact me ([bmccracken404@gmail.com](mailto:bmccracken404@gmail.com)). The CLA Newsletter is published just **three times a year**: prior to the major holidays of Memorial Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, and Labor Day. Since George and I spend seven months a year in Florida, the project has been done remotely.

Thanks for giving me the opportunity to get to know more about Clear Lake, its citizens, the activities and its charm. We all share the love of this special place.

*Beth McCracken, Editor*



## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CLEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP LAND CONSERVANCY

As the summer carries on at Clear Lake, we continue to preserve, protect, and manage our natural resources. As we all made our way through the elevated temperatures of June by finding ways to stay cooled off and healthy, our lake environment must also adjust to the warmer weather. That is one of the many reasons we continue the **Watershed Diagnostic Study** that regularly monitors our lake water, inflowing and outflowing ditches. This monitoring program not only evaluates the visible clarity of our water but also measures the unseen attributes of water quality including phosphorous, nitrogen, oxygen, and chlorophyll. Continuing the Watershed Diagnostic Study allows us to make informed decisions on water quality as we see the year-over-year patterns of our lake environment.



Join us on **Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>** from 8:30 to noon for **Run Day, Fun Day** at the Clear Lake Lutheran Church pavilion. Sign up at [runsignup.com/cltlc](https://runsignup.com/cltlc) for the 5K, 10K, or run/walk 1 mile. Even if you don't participate in a race, bring the family out to enjoy a scavenger hunt, dunk tank, bounce house, face painting, DJ music, and various vendors including The Mill District, Libby's Boutique, Baker's Acres, fresh cut wildflowers, donuts and coffee.

Our Knee-high Naturalist summer education program has a full lineup every Friday morning in July from 10 to 11:30 AM – no RSVP necessary. Our first program will feature the Dumpster Drummers with groovy beats and tips on recycling. The following programs include a guided butterfly hike, “How wet is our planet?”, and a visit with Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl. See our [flyer](#) or contact our office for more details.

Conservancy's mission is to preserve and protect the natural beauty we all enjoy in and around the Clear Lake Township and Watershed. We all benefit, including generations to come. We need and value your support and appreciate the many partnerships we have throughout the community as we work together to achieve this mission. Our annual meeting will be held at **4:00 PM, Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup>** at the Clear Lake Lutheran Church pavilion.

Caroline Barth  
Executive Director  
[Clearlakeconservancy.org](https://clearlakeconservancy.org)





**Clear Lake Association**  
**Annual Membership Registration**  
**2024**

Membership dues and donations enable the Clear Lake Association to maintain and support projects that benefit the Clear Lake community.

- CLA Newsletter (emailed Spring, Summer, and Fall)
- Buoy Project (to maintain and improve the current buoys)
- Little Free Library (located next to Town Hall)
- Represent Clear Lake on the Steuben County Lakes Council
- Financial donations to local organizations that impact the community:
  - ~ Clear Lake Land Conservancy
  - ~ Fremont Fire Department
  - ~ Indiana Search & Response K-9 Team
  - ~ Steuben County Underwater Rescue & Recovery Team
- **Holiday Fireworks** - Saturday, July 6, 2024, at 10:00 PM  
 Rain Date - Sunday, July 7, 2024, at 10:00 PM



Please complete the Membership Registration below and send it with your check to:  
 (Please do not drop off at Town Hall):

**Clear Lake Association**  
**PO Box 38**  
**Fremont, IN 46737**

*Thank you for your support of Clear Lake!*



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 2024 CLEAR LAKE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION (print clearly)

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

LAKE ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS(ES): \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Membership Dues	\$	30.00
Optional Donations:		
Buoy Project	\$	_____
Community Projects and Activities	\$	_____
Fireworks	\$	_____
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	_____