

# NOVEMBER

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2	3	4 Town Hall Closed Election Day	5 Plan Commission Work Session @ 7:00PM	6	7	8
9	10 Redevelopment Commission Meeting @ 6:00PM	11 Town Hall Closed Veteran's Day	12	13 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting @ 7:00PM	14	15
16	17	18 Town Council Public Meeting @ 7:00PM	19 Plan Commission Public Meeting @ 7:00PM	20	21	22
23 30	24	25 Storm Water Board Meeting @ 7:00PM	26 Police Commission Meeting @ 7:00PM	27 Town Hall Closed <b>Happy Thanksgiving!</b>	28 Town Hall Closed	29



## CEDAR LAKE NEW LOGO REVEAL

On Tuesday, October 21, 2014 the Town Council along with staff revealed the much anticipated new Town logo during a Town Council Public Meeting. MixDesign in Schererville, IN was the chosen firm to help create and design the Town's new brand identity. Along with the help of a branding committee consisting of residents, business owners, commissioners, and staff, the logo and slogan "Explore Everyday" was personally crafted with the MixDesign team. In addition to the launch of the new logo, residents can look forward to the Town's newly redesigned website set to launch in November 2014, new Welcome to Cedar Lake signs set to install Spring of 2015, new wayfinding signs around town, and a redesigned version of the Lakeside Bulletin! Please tell us what you think of our new look, on Facebook or Twitter @TownOfCedarLake!

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## VIPS Seeking Volunteers

The Cedar Lake Police Department is currently seeking volunteers for its Volunteers In Police Service Unit (VIPs). Applicants must be 18 years old and have a high school diploma to apply. The VIPs is a great way for those who are not old enough to become police officers to get experience in public safety and for those who just want to give back to the community. The VIPs are also seeking HAM Radio Operators for its Communications Unit and those with daytime availability. Applications are available at their website and at the Cedar Lake Police Department. For more information about the VIPs, go to [www.cedarlakevips.com](http://www.cedarlakevips.com) and see them on Facebook.

## Winter Time Preparation

As the weather begins to change and fall clean up begins, don't forget about the items you store outside! Some of these items are old boats, cars, trucks, trailers of all types, appliances, and old yard equipment. These items are considered a nuisance and should be cleaned up and properly stored before winter. All vehicles, including boats and trailers, must have a current license plate and registration to avoid citation. Public nuisances are covered in the Town Ordinance which can be found online at: [www.cedarlakein.org](http://www.cedarlakein.org). If you have large items that need disposal, every third Saturday of the month the Cedar Lake Department of Public Works has a "white goods" drop off.



## Holiday Burglary Prevention



The holiday season is quickly approaching and this is a great time to make sure we safeguard our homes and valuables. The Cedar Lake Police Department would like to remind people to be on their guard against burglars this holiday season and to take all the necessary precautions to protect their homes and valuables. Here are some tips to protect your house this holiday season:

- Take the time to trim back any bushes or trees that block visibility through your house.
- Check all entry ways into your home to make sure they are secured, including sliding glass doors.
- If leaving your house for several hours, find ways to make your house look occupied such as placing lights on timers or leaving on a TV or radio.
- Exterior lights not only decorate your home for the holidays but also light up areas of the house where burglars may lurk.
- Be cautious of solicitors, especially during this time of year.
- Many people display their Christmas tree and presents in their home, perhaps consider keeping gifts out of visibility as long as possible.
- Don't announce high-dollar purchases. Break down boxes to fit inside your recycle bin.
- Don't advertise any trips from your home on social media.



## Hydrant Flushing & Testing

Hydrant flushing is a "cleaning technique" that allows the inside of the pipe to be cleaned, and eject any buildup out of the water system. Hydrant testing lets us know what the water system is capable of to better serve the needs and demands of water usage and fire suppression.

### *Frequently Asked Questions*

#### Q - Isn't that a waste of water?

While some water is wasted, this is the only way to clean and scour the inside of the pipe. The water ejected is observed and recorded by the operator, and only minimally so.

#### Q - Why is the water so discolored when it comes out?

The first of the water that comes out has sat in the section of pipe between the main and the hydrant. Since hydrants are not used very often, the initial output can be quite discolored. After the initial output there may still be some discoloration, this is exactly why we flush hydrants, to get the buildup off of the pipe walls.

#### Q - Why is it when the lines are flushed that my water becomes discolored?

While flushing the lines, some of the discolored water may enter service lines. The best way to get it out is to run the cold water until it clears. It is best to wait until the operator has flushed all the lines in your area and moves on to the next to do this. If the operator is still flushing lines and you run your water, you will only pull more discolored water into your service line.

A sign will be posted to the area being flushed 24 hours in advance of the flushing, and on the days of the flushing. Fire hydrant flushing will be conducted on a bi-annual base (every 6 months). The flushing is usually done in the spring and fall. If you have any questions regarding your water or discoloration, please contact Public Works at (219)374-7478.

## *Lakeside Bits:*

- Make sure to sign up to be a part of the Parade of Lights! Contact the Cedar Lake Chamber of Commerce at (219)374-6157.

- The Town Hall will be closed on Veteran's Day, November 11th and Thanksgiving holiday, November 27th & 28th.

- Save the date, Saturday, December 6th for Breakfast with Santa!

- Call 811 before you dig! This is a free marking service!

- Did you recently get a new pet and need a dog tag? Come to the Town Hall, 7408 Constitution Ave., with your rabies vaccination information and register your pet!

### Throwing a party and need a venue?

Are you having a holiday party and need a bigger space? Maybe a birthday party or baby shower? Whatever the event, the Monastery Clubhouse is a great place to rent! For more information and rental prices and availability, call the Town Hall at (219)374-7000