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Lakeside BULLETIN

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Register for GenMove Programs*
3	4	5 Town Hall is Closed for Primary Elections	6 Plan Commission Work Session @ 7:00PM	7	8	9
10 Happy Mother's Day	11 Redevelopment Commission Meeting @ 6PM	12	13	14 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting @ 7:00PM	15	16 Register for GenMove Programs*
17	18	19 Town Council Public Meeting @ 7:00PM	20 Plan Commission Public Meeting @ 7:00PM	21	22	23
24	25 Town Hall is Closed for Memorial Day	26 Stormwater Board Meeting @ 7PM	27	28	29	30
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*For more information on Park and Recreation Programs visit www.cedarlakerecreation.com

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MS4 Good Housekeeping Audit

On Monday, April 6, 2015, the Town of Cedar Lake had its MS4 Good Housekeeping Audit conducted by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). So what is MS4? Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System, commonly known as MS4, are regulations developed to address storm water that might impact water quality. MS4 designation includes cities, towns, universities, colleges, correctional facilities, hospitals, conservancy districts, homeowner's associations and military bases located within mapped urbanized areas, as delineated by the U.S. Census Bureau, or, for those MS4 areas outside of urbanized areas, serving an urban population greater than 7,000 people. The Storm Water Quality Management Plan (SWQMP), which is basically an action plan for the MS4 entity to institute six requirements, or minimum control measures (MCM): Public Education and Outreach, Public Involvement and Participation, Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination, Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control, Post-Construction Stormwater Management in New Development and Redevelopment, and Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations Maintenance. Residents can also do their part to help Cedar Lake protect our water quality by avoiding behaviors that could pollute runoff water into the storm sewers. Examples include helping make sure materials are not spilled or washing into storm drain systems and properly storing or disposing of hazardous materials. Together, we can help keep our water clean for generations to come!

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GenMove

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CAKE POPS

Saturday, May 2nd

Park Building, Town Complex

Fee: \$7

9:00am - 10:15am (Ages 3 - 6)

10:15am - 11:30am (Ages 7 - 12)

Mix, cook, and frost these delectable little treats. Learn how to create and dye your own frosting too! Plus, get an introduction to proper kitchen etiquette.

50'S LUNCHEON

Friday, May 8th

Tastee Top Grill, 14500 Morse Street

Fee: \$9

12:00pm - 1:30pm (Adult Program)

The 1950's was a decade of innocence of fun & we'll carry that on by dining picnic style and play some old fashion games! Choose from a variety of hamburgers/hotdogs plus fries, and an ice cream treat! (Space is limited to 12)

MOTHER/DAUGHTER EVENT

Saturday, May 16th

Park Building, Town Complex

Fee: \$12

9:00am - 10:15am (Ages 3 - 6)

10:15am - 11:30am (Ages 7 - 12)

If you believe in fairies, and we know you do, spring is the perfect time to create a special garden home for your backyard fairy. Design and plant a small pot of happiness for your favorite fairy. This program is open to any special girl and her gal pal (mother, grandmother, aunt, etc.). Each couple will create one special fairy garden together!

Register early for Lakeside Day Camp!

Lakeside Day Camp is gearing up for another great summer! The camp is designed to provide an exhilarating and imaginative experience for campers entering grades 1-6. Camp days are filled with special events, arts, nature activities, beach & swim time, creative play, and much more! Each week has a different theme so campers can look forward to new adventures and activities. Register for camp starting June 15th- July 31st for \$58 per week. Before camp and after camp care is also available for \$10 per week. Register online at www.cedarlakerecreation.com or the Town Hall, 7408 Constitution Avenue.



Planning a party and need a venue?

Are you planning a birthday party, baby shower, or family reunion? The Town of Cedar Lake offers some great rentable shelters and facilities! The Town Complex has three shelters and a gazebo which are perfect to rent for a day at the lake! The Monastery Clubhouse, which is located at 9800 W. 129th Ave., is a brick building that can hold 150 of your closest friends and family. This facility has plenty of tables and chairs, a kitchen area, WiFi access, air conditioning and is a blank canvas for your inner party planner. The Monastery Clubhouse rental rate is \$80.25 with tax for the day. Make sure you call the Town Hall at 219-374-7400 to reserve your date!



Annexation, Roads, and Other Updates

In recent years, Cedar Lake has become a rapidly growing community. Cedar Lake is currently working on the US 41 South Corridor annexation project. This project is in direct response to the proposed Illiana Expressway, the potential economic development, and services necessary to provide a sustainable economic development corridor. We are working with our neighbors from Lowell to determine the best path to provide services and maintain the natural character of the land while finding ways through partnership to reduce costly government redundancy. There continues to be misleading commentary on this subject. School corporation boundaries will not change as a result of annexation. Current resident's property taxes will not increase as a result of annexation. To the contrary, by responsibly developing the corridor, the tax burden can be balanced between business and residential, which could provide a long term benefit for all of the taxpayers of Cedar Lake. The potential cost of losing an annexation challenge in court is being communicated, discussed, and analyzed. The Cedar Lake Town Council is working with our staff and consulting professionals to weigh every potential outcome of a possible challenge. Cedar Lake Council Members do not have any desire to put Cedar Lake in a position of possible financial hardship. We have worked long and hard to maintain the financial stability of our town, which is evident by our S&P bond rating of AA-.

Cedar Lake is home to the only full time Fire and EMS department south of US 231 to Rensselaer. In many cases, our Police and Fire Departments, with rosters of 21 full time Police Officers and 11 full time Fire/EMS officers, are the first responders for this entire portion of South Lake County. Currently, the taxpayers of Cedar Lake, Center Township, and Hanover Township pay this bill. Annexation would help provide an opportunity to properly fund these essential services long term. Lake County does not currently provide Fire and EMS services to the proposed annexation area, which we currently service.

Neighborhood and main arterial streets continue to be a topic of discussion. Since 2007, Cedar Lake taxpayers have funded the reconstruction or resurfacing of approximately 13 miles of roads around town. Most of this was done through a recession and a state imposed freeze on the tax levy. This year, we are going to invest over \$1,000,000 on neighborhood streets as well as completing the east and west side 133rd Avenue Projects. The west side 133rd Avenue project includes a major water utility expansion and looping which will provide access to this utility on US 41. This is an essential piece of a long term economic development vision for our community.

Lifestyle and amenities for our residents is something we are always working to advance. In 2014, we finished the acquisition of several lakefront properties which will now be called Bartlett/Wahlberg Park. This park is the Town's effort to provide a much needed lake access point for the public as well as a centerpiece for lifestyle and accessibility to our future downtown area. In addition, we are excited about the continued work being done on the Founders Creek Trail Corridor. Please stay tuned for future updates on these exciting park projects.

Cedar Lake is gaining much deserved recognition in our state and region. For the years 2012-2013, Cedar Lake was ranked #10 in Indiana by Nerd Wallet for best cities for home ownership. Cedar Lake has focused an investment in public safety over the last five years. This has contributed to Cedar Lake being ranked #31 of Indiana's safest 50 cities.

The Cedar Lake Town Council and Town Staff would like to thank you, the Cedar Lake residents, for your continued commitment to excellence and growth in our world class hometown. Please visit our website, cedar-lakein.org, for more news and updates on projects around town.

Randy Niemeyer, Town Council President

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