

# FEBRUARY



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16	17 Presidents Day Town offices closed Hanover & Crown Point Schools no school	18 Easy Does It Fitness @ 9:15 a Town Council Meeting & Utility Board @ 7:00 p	19 Hanover Twosp Trustee Health Coverage Enrollment @ 10a-12p Unsafe Building Dept. Meeting @ 6:30 p Plan Commission Meeting @ 7:00 p	20 Easy Does It Fitness @ 9:15 a	21 National Caregiver's Day	22 Washington's Birthday
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## Cedar Lake welcomes new Chief of Police

The Town of Cedar Lake welcomes our new Chief of Police, William Fisher. Chief Fisher was sworn into office on January 7, 2020 during the Town Council meeting. He has been a member of the Town of Cedar Lake since 1995, where he started on the Street Department and Reserve Officer for the Police Department. He was accepted on the Police Department as a new hire, graduated from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in December 1998 and became a STOPS instructor in 1999. In 2002, he became a K-9 Officer handler to 2 year old German Shepherd Aron, which was achieved by raising funds. Chief Fisher and Aron worked as partners until 2008 when Aron was diagnosed with cancer and unfortunately passed away one month later. Chief Fisher became a certified Firearms instructor thru the NRA and Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. He then became the Training Coordinator for the Cedar Lake Police Department, where he was in charge of all training and maintaining records. He became one of two Certified Accident Re-constructionists for the Town of Cedar Lake, which in Cedar Lake's history, there have only been two Officers who have completed all of the required 3 levels and 6 weeks of recon schooling. He was the Patrol Commander in charge of the entire Patrol Division where he learned about budgets and the inner workings of a 24 hour/365 day entity. Chief Fisher stated, "Through the guidance of Chief Coulson, I was given many opportunities to learn the administrative side of the Police Department, from hiring a new Officer to ordering new Police vehicles for patrol. I am very excited to be the next Chief of Police, attaining my biggest goal as a member of the Cedar Lake Police Department. It is my honor to serve with the Officers of this Department and for the citizens of The Town of Cedar Lake." Congratulations Chief Fisher!



Chief Fisher being sworn in by Clerk-Treasurer Jennifer Sandberg



Chief Fisher being congratulated by Town Council President Randy Niemeyer



Chief Fisher with Police Commission members (left to right) Charlie Kaper, David Villalobos, Chief Fisher and Jim Olthof

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## CENSUS: DID YOU KNOW?

Every 10 years since 1790, the United States has undertaken the momentous task of counting its population. The US Census Bureau is recruiting to fill hundreds of thousands of temporary positions across the county to assist with the 2020 Census count. The 2020 Census offers competitive wages paid weekly with flexible hours. To learn more, visit the Town of Cedar Lake, Indiana – 2020 Complete Census Count Committee on Facebook or visit [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov)



### CEDAR LAKE TOWN HALL

7408 Constitution Avenue - P.O. Box 707 - Cedar Lake, IN 46303  
[cedarlakein.org](http://cedarlakein.org)



## Town Events

### Patti's All-American

*The Leader in Gymnastics, Dance, and Swim*

Enrollment can be done through Patti's online, in person or by phone. Cost varies. Coupon below waives the \$39 annual membership fee. For more information, contact Patti's at 219-865-2274 or [www.pattisallamerican.com](http://www.pattisallamerican.com) or visit them on Facebook and Instagram!

Town of Cedar Lake Code:  
**CLPAA50**



When you register with the Town of Cedar Lake for classes, you waive the \$25.00 yearly membership fee. For a list of courses available, please see the Town website at [www.cedarlakein.org](http://www.cedarlakein.org). Registration can be completed at Cedar Lake Town Hall Mon-Fri 8a to 5p.



**WHEN:** 9:15 am -10:00 am Tuesdays and Thursdays  
**WHERE:** Cedar Lake Clubhouse - 9800 W. 129th Avenue  
**COST:** \$5.00 per class  
**WHAT TO BRING:** Hand weights and water. We provide the chair.

## SPRING SOCCER

Mark your calendar for March! More information on the spring soccer program will be available in the March newsletter, on the town's website and Facebook. Registrations March 6 from 12-5p (Town Hall), March 7 from 9a-1p (Town Hall), March 13 from 12-5p (Town Hall) and March 21 time to be announced (Business Showcase).

## GRIT FITNESS

Stop by and check out Grit Fitness, a new gym in town. They are located at 12937 Wicker Ave in Cedar Lake and open 24/7. The gym has the following available: Group X Classes, XGT Small Group Training, Personal Training, Tanning and Child Care. February Gym specials: free 5-day pass or join as a couple and only pay 1 enrollment fee. For more information, call 219-390-7600 or go to [www.gritfitnessnwi.com](http://www.gritfitnessnwi.com).

## 2020 CENSUS BINGO:

**WHEN:** Wednesday, March 4, 2020 from 7-8 pm  
**WHERE:** Cedar Lake Library, 10010 133<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Cedar Lake, IN 46303  
Refreshments, prizes and a bit of trivia on why the 2020 Census is vital to our life in the Region!

## CEDAR LAKE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

The Cedar Lake Historical Association History Road Show returns with "Summer Resort Fun" to explore 6 of the most significant historic Cedar Lake resorts. Each month we'll "pop-up" at a different property located near the original site of the resorts. This month: February 6, 2020 at 6:00 pm - Cedar Lake Golf Links & Binyon's Resort. Participation is free, but RSVP is required due to various venue capacities. Reserve your seat at [www.cedarlakehistory.org](http://www.cedarlakehistory.org) or call 219-390-9423.

## VALENTINE'S BINGO & SNACKS

**When:** February 14, 2020 from 10 am – 12:30 pm  
**Where:** Hanover Township Trustee, 13330 Parrish Ave, Cedar Lake, IN 46303  
**Cost:** \$0.25 a card each game  
**RSVP:** Please call (219)374-7443

## HEALTH COVERAGE ENROLLMENT

Do you need assistance in applying for health coverage? Come see Emily at Regional Health Table. All you need is your ID. Healthcare Information and help with appointments at Regional Health Systems also provided.  
**When:** February 19, 2020 from 10 am – noon  
**Where:** Hanover Township Trustee, 13330 Parrish Ave, Cedar Lake, IN 46303

## ... and More

## Year in Review

The Town of Cedar Lake has been growing as a community and had many accomplishments throughout 2019. Events continue to grow with an all-time high 275 Spring and 189 Fall Soccer registrations and record number 120 registrations for the Easter Egg Hunt. Cedar Lake hosted the first of many successful Farmers Markets on May 29, 2019 providing community engagement with something for everyone, entertainment and food and craft vendors. After the long-awaited closure of Cline and Lake Shore Drive, the roundabout was opened. Redevelopment Commission implemented a Façade Improvement Program to assist businesses to enhance their storefronts. The Town was able to acquire the following grants: CDBG awarded \$66,320 for ADA improvements including curb cuts and warning tiles & South Lake County Community Services which provides transportation; AIM awarded \$500 for Drug & Opioid Abuse Educational Programming; CMAQ grant in the amount of \$40,000 for E-85 alternative fuel for vehicles; and 811 Pipeline Safety Training Conference scholarships for 6 staff in excess of \$3000. The Clerk-Treasurer Jennifer Sandberg received IAMC certification and all of her staff have been attending continuing education training throughout the year. The Building Department attended the Indiana/Kentucky 811 Conference, 2019 Stormwater Drainage Conference, 2019 Weftec Conference and 811 Pipeline Training for continuing education. Building Administrator Michelle Bakker achieved the Certified Municipal Officer Award. The department implemented new cost efficient technology to improve communication within the department and committees. They also reviewed, processed, and issued 685 permits in 2019 which included 188 new home permits with an average home value of \$170,000, up from \$154,300 in 2018.



Public Works collected 228 tons of branches and 43 tons of leaves, which is important because this protects our infrastructure. The crew was able to do an in-house refurbishing of the 2001 pay loader/wheel loader to provide longevity and save taxpayers money. They purchased 2 new used dump trucks at a cost savings of 30%. Road improvements throughout the Town included 307,623 cubic yards of chip sealing, 83,106 cubic yards of asphalt and 197,431 cubic yards of micro slurry seal. The Water Department has continued to do inspections on the water quality to ensure safety in the community. The Sewer Department has been able to shorten their time required for locations with utilization of the inspection truck and a new camera. A new lift station was placed at LS9. With assistance from a recent new hire who has experience in pumps and controls, in-house work has been completed instead of contracting out, saving the taxpayers money.

Proudly, Cedar Lake was recognized in the top 10 Safest Cities! Police Department certified two officers that can inspect child/infant car seats. They were able to purchase three new police cars and retained an intern, who can assist citizens after police have come to the residence. A spotlight was donated by Hanover Township Trustees for the UTV. CLPD partnered with church leaders in a program called "The Good Citizen", which is a way officers can assist someone who is in need. The Fire Department purchased a new used ladder truck. They have implemented a new computer program system. CLFD graduated two Firefighters from academy and two from Paramedics program and Assistant Fire Chief Nick Mager was awarded Indiana Fire Officer of the Year.

As the Town continues to grow and make improvement, they look forward to sharing more accomplishments with its residents in 2020!

## ALARM PERMITS

All businesses and residents who have an alarm system are to obtain a permit from the Town. This permit can be completed at the Clerk-Treasurer's Office during business hours Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. The fee is \$10.00 and the permit is valid for two (2) years from the date of application. If you have any questions, please call the Clerk-Treasurer's Office at 219-374-7000.

## DOG LICENSES

Dog license renewal will take place from January 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>. The fee is \$10.00 per dog; up to three dogs allowed per residence. A current rabies certificate is required in order to renew the license. After March 31<sup>st</sup>, the fee will increase to \$15.00 per dog. Licenses are available at the Clerk-Treasurer's Office, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. If you have any questions, please call the Clerk-Treasurer's Office at 219-374-7000.