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Scrapbook of People to see, Places to go, and Things to do

Cedar
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LAKE SIDE Bulletin

First Quarter Edition – 2022

January

- 2. Moto on Ice*
- 4. Town Council Meeting – 7 pm
- 5. Plan Commission Meeting – 7 pm
- 9. Moto on Ice*
- 11. Storm Water Board Meeting – 6:30 pm
- 13. Board of Zoning Appeals – 7 pm
- 17. **Martin Luther King Day – Town Offices Closed**
- 15. Utility Board & Town Council Meetings – 6:30 pm
- 19. Unsafe Building Meeting – 6 pm / Plan Commission Meeting – 7 pm
- 23. Moto on Ice*
- 24. Redevelopment Commission Meeting – 6 pm

February

- 1. Town Council Meeting – 7 pm
- 2. Plan Commission Meeting – 7 pm
- 6. Moto on Ice* **
- 8. Storm Water Board Meeting – 6:30 pm
- 10. Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting – 7 pm
- 13. Moto on Ice* **
- 15. Utility Board & Town Council Meetings – 6:30 pm
- 16. Unsafe Building Meeting – 6 pm / Plan Commission Meeting – 7 pm
- 20. Moto on Ice* **

21. Presidents' Day – Town Offices Closed

- 23. Board of Safety Meeting – 6 pm
- 27. Moto on Ice* **
- 28. Redevelopment Commission Meeting – 6 pm

March

- 1. Town Council Meeting – 7 pm
- 2. Plan Commission Meeting – 7 pm
- 5. Penguin Plop – 8 to 11 a.m.
- 8. Storm Water Board Meeting – 6:30 pm
- 10. Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting – 7 pm
- 13. Moto on Ice
- 15. Utility Board & Town Council Meetings – 6:30 pm
- 16. Unsafe Building Meeting – 6 pm / Plan Commission Meeting – 7 pm
- 21. Redevelopment Commission Meeting – 6 pm
- 23. Board of Safety Meeting – 6 pm

* Weather permitting **Possibly extended to March 6, 13, 20 & 27, weather permitting

Photos from Facebook Pages and event photos.



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at the Lake because
every day at the lake
is a great day!

Presidents' Day is a federal holiday celebrated on the third Monday in February; Presidents' Day 2022 will occur on Monday, February 21. Originally established in 1885 in recognition of President George Washington, the holiday became popularly known as Presidents' Day after it was moved as part of 1971's Uniform Monday Holiday Act, an attempt to create more three-day weekends for the nation's workers. While several states still have individual holidays honoring the birthdays of Washington, Abraham Lincoln and other figures, Presidents' Day is now popularly viewed as a day to celebrate all U.S. presidents, past and present.

(Source: Presidents' Day 2022, History.com –
www.history.com/topics/holidays/presidents-day)



Presidents' Day



Photos from Creative Commons and History.com

Pointers from Public Works

Quick Tips

- Disconnect your hose from your hose bib before it freezes outside
- Keep your heat on to prevent pipes from freezing
- Christmas Trees can be brought to the Public Works Department for disposal

Sump Pump Inspections:

Town staff will be calling to schedule an appointment to check sump pump connections. The reasons for these inspections are to ensure it's not improperly connected to the sewer. Any questions can go to Malia at the Town Hall, 219-374-7400, or Wendy at Public Works, 219-374-7478.

Snow-Plowing Season:

Please remember to keep your cars off the street when there is 2 inches of snow so our plows can get the streets clear as quickly as possible. Basketball hoops can also be a hazard if left on the curb. They can be dragged and can cause damage to our equipment.



From the Desk of Rick Eberly, Town Manager

As the new year approaches, it is with a heavy heart that I announce my retirement as Town Manager effective January 14, 2022. A family situation has arisen that is going to require my wife and I to move out of state. The Town of Cedar Lake is very fortunate to be served by a dedicated Town Council and town employees who truly care about the community. I see it and hear it every day. I wish the community all the best and will be watching from afar as you accomplish a list of wonderful planned community improvements in the years to come.

Here is a list of planned projects some of which will begin in 2022:

West Side Sanitary Sewer Interceptor Project: This project is currently out for bid. It is expected to be awarded on January 18, 2022 with a construction start soon thereafter. This is the first of 3-4 phases of a sanitary sewer improvement that will provide additional capacity for future growth in the community. It will extend a major sanitary sewer all the way from the flume on the far southeast side of town out to US 41 along a path of anticipated development.

East Side Water Improvement Project: This project has just gone out to bid and will ultimately include a new water main transmission line and a new water tower to provide additional water capacity for future growth. It is expected to be awarded on February 15, 2022 as well.

Lake Eco Restoration Project: The long-awaited lake dredging project will be going out to bid in January with an anticipated construction start of April of 2022. This multi-year project is designed to remove at least 250,000 cubic yards of sediment from the lake over a 3-4-year time period. At the end of the dredging project, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) will conduct a fish kill to rid the lake of invasive species of fish and will restock the lake with native species, at IDNR's expense. They anticipate no more than a 2-3- week disruption of fishing activity during that process. Access to the lake for boaters, swimmers, fishermen etc. will not be disrupted during this project. This will not impact the ability of persons to put their piers in the water as the dredging will be far enough from shore to eliminate that concern.

Road improvement projects planned for 2022:

Parrish Avenue from 133rd to 137th
133rd Ave. from Parrish west to the railroad tracks.
Vermillion from Cline Avenue to the east town limits.
Highland Subdivision streets

Future Athletic Complex on town-owned land located at 155th and Parrish: Town Council President Randy Niemeyer recently held a public meeting with potential stakeholders in the project. No timetable has been currently identified for this concept.

Discussions have begun regarding plans to build a new Public Safety Building intended to house the Police and Fire Departments along with a new Town Hall. Design efforts will get underway in early 2022 and a new building could begin construction in late 2022. Buildings such as this typically take 2 years to complete.

In other news:

After a one-year absence, Moto on Ice events are planned to begin in January, weather permitting.

A new Zoning Ordinance should be in place to begin the new year. This has been the result of a year-long effort by staff and the Plan Commission to bring our Zoning Ordinance up to date. The Subdivision Control Ordinance next.

As a result of the completion of the 2020 Census the town must now enter into a redistricting effort which has to be completed by November 8, 2022. It is anticipated that the redistricting, which involves changing the Ward map of the town, will actually be completed in the first quarter of 2022. We are mandated by state law to make the wards as equal in population to one another as we can. Our 2020 Census count is 14,106 and we have 7 wards so our goal is to have as close to 2,015 persons per ward as we can get.

The Chiefs' Corner



Winter Safety Information – Bill Fisher, Chief of Police

INDOT, Cedar Lake Police & Fire Department and Cedar Lake Public Works want you and your family to stay safe on the roads this winter. By following these tips and advice, you'll be ready for winter driving:

- Before leaving home, find out about the driving conditions. **Ice and Snow, Take it Slow...or just don't go.**
- Remove any snow on your vehicle's windows, lights, brake lights and signals. Make sure you can see and be seen.
- Remember to drive well below the posted speed limit. Take it slow when approaching intersections, off-ramps, bridges or shady areas – all are hot spots for black ice.
- Brake early, brake slowly, brake correctly and never slam on the brakes. If you have anti-lock brakes, press the pedal down firmly and hold it. If you don't have anti-lock brakes, gently pump the pedal. Give yourself plenty of room to stop.
- When driving on ice and snow, do not use cruise control and avoid abrupt steering maneuvers.

SNOW PLOW SAFETY

- The plows are wide and can cross the centerline or shoulder. Don't tailgate and try not to pass. If you must pass, take extreme caution and beware of the snow cloud.
- Snowplows travel below the posted speed limit. Be patient. Allow plenty of time to slow down.
- A snowplow operator's field of vision is restricted. You may see them, but they don't always see you. Keep your distance and watch for sudden stops or turns.



ADDITIONAL TRAVEL INFORMATION & RESOURCES:

- *Indiana State Travel Advisory* map can be downloaded to a smart phone. Go to: <http://www.in.gov/dhs/traveladvisory/>
- *TrafficWise* provides information about traffic conditions, road closures, traffic cameras, travel times and message boards. You can call 1-800-261-ROAD (7623) or go to: <http://pws.trafficwise.org>
- The *INDOT CARS Program* contains information about road conditions, closures and width/weight restrictions. Go to: <http://indot.carsprogram.org>

Winter Fire Safety Tips – Shared by Chief Todd Wilkening



- Half of all home heating fires occur in December, January, and February.
- 1 in every 7 home fires and 1 in every five home fire deaths involves heating equipment.
- Plug only 1 heat-producing appliance, like a space heater, into an electrical outlet at a time.
- Keep anything that can burn **at least 3 feet** from any source.
- Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents every year.
- Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container and keep it outside at least 10 feet from your home and any nearby buildings.

Brought to you by the Cedar Lake Fire Department, The U.S. Fire Administration, and the National Fire Protection Association.

For more winter fire safety tips, visit www.nfpa.org

