



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

- explore
everyday -

Cedar
Lake

LAKE SIDE Bulletin

First Quarter Edition – 2024

2024
HAPPY NEW YEAR

January



- 1 New Year's Day – Town Offices Closed
- 2 RDC, Town Council, 6:30p
- 3 Plan Commission, 6p
- 4 Park Board, 5:30p / Storm Water Board, 7p
- 7 *Moto on Ice, Race 12p
- 8 Bingo, Clubhouse, 3p
- 10 Senior Social, Clubhouse, 12p
- 11 Board of Zoning Appeals, 6:30p

- 14 *Moto on Ice, Race 12p
- 15 Martin Luther King Day – Town Offices Closed
- 16 Utility Board, Town Council, 6:30p
- 17 Unsafe Building, 5:30p / Plan Commission, 7p
- Soccer Coach Callout, Clubhouse, 6p
- 21 *Moto on Ice, Race 12p
- 24 Board of Safety, 6p
- 28 *Moto on Ice, Race 12p

"Explore Everyday"
at the Lake because
every day at the
lake is a great day!



February



- 1 Park Board 5:30p / Storm Water Board 7p
- 4 *Moto on Ice, Race 12p
- 5 Bingo, Clubhouse, 3p
- 6 RDC, Town Council, 6:30p
- 7 Senior Social, Clubhouse, 12p
- Plan Commission 6p
- 8 Board of Zoning Appeals 6:30p

- 11 *Moto on Ice, Race 12p
- 18 *Moto on Ice, Race 12p
- 19 Presidents Day – Town Offices Closed
- 20 Utility Board, Town Council, 6:30p
- 21 Unsafe Building, 5:30p / Plan Commission, 7p
- 25 *Moto on Ice, Race 12p
- 28 Board of Safety, 6p



- 2 Penguin Plop, Town Beach, Registration 8:30a
- 3 *Moto on Ice, Race 12p
- 4 Bingo, Clubhouse, 2p
- 5 RDC, Town Council, 6:30p
- 6 Senior Social, Clubhouse, 12p
- Plan Commission, 6p
- 7 Park Board 5:30p / Storm Water Board 7p
- 10 *Moto on Ice, Race 12p

- 14 Board of Zoning Appeals, 6:30p
- 17 *Moto on Ice, Race 12p
- 19 Utility Board, Town Council 6:30p
- 20 Unsafe Building, 5:30p / Plan Commission, 7p
- 23 Easter Egg Hunt, Town Grounds, 12 Noon
- 27 Board of Safety Meeting, 6p
- 29 Good Friday – Town Offices Closed



Penguin
PLOP



Please visit our website in late
February – mid-April for information
and to order Upcycle Rain Barrels.
Sales are only available online.



Note: Event dates may change or be added. Please check the Town's calendar at cedarlakein.org

*Weather Permitting

Photos from Facebook Pages and staff photos of events.



Bob Carnahan, Ward 1



Julie Rivera, Ward 2



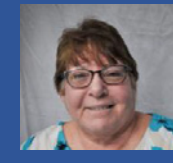
Nick Recupito, Ward 3



Chuck Becker, Ward 4



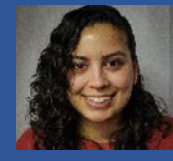
Greg Parker, Ward 5



Mary Joan Dickson,
At-Large



Richard Thiel, At-Large



Jennifer Sandberg
Clerk-Treasurer

Getting to Know The New Town Council & Clerk-Treasurer

Robert "Bob" Carnahan, a Cedar Lake resident all his life, has served the town since 1984. Bob, a Ford Motor Company Chicago Stamping Plant Safety Trainer, raised three children in Cedar Lake and likes spending his time serving at the United Methodist Church Project Love Food Pantry, the Chamber of Commerce, and NIRPC. Bob, who feels blessed in many ways, enjoys being a servant of the community and says, "Just as Jesus Christ is a servant, so am I."

Julie Rivera and her husband Ed made Cedar Lake their home 18 years ago. They have two beautiful children, Ariana and Alex. Julie earned a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from Purdue Northwest and a Master's Degree in Education with a concentration in school counseling in May of 2023. She has been a School Counselor for Calumet New Tech High School since 2014. Julie hopes to pursue a Clinical Mental Health Counseling license and provide non-profit counseling services to at-risk youth. Julie enjoys playing with her dog, traveling, trying new recipes, and spending time with people who make her laugh.

Nick Recupito and his wife Kathryn have 3 daughters ranging in age from 1 to 5 years old and attend Holy Name. Nick is in his second year as a Councilmember and has served on the BZA. His faith-based values, instilled by his parents, guides his decision-making, and he feels honored for the faith and trust given him to make decisions that are in the residents' best interests. Nick has experience as a heavy equipment technician and in road maintenance. He likes studying American history, being outdoors, waterfowl hunting, fishing, learning self-sufficiency skills, boating on the lake, and camping with family and friends.

Chuck Becker moved to Cedar Lake in 1988 and married his wife Alicia in 1990. They have two boys, Brandyn and Blake, who are their pride and joy. Brandyn worked for the Town and ran the soccer program and other activities several years ago. Chuck is recently retired from YRC Freight after 34 years. Chuck has served on the Plan Commission. He has volunteered as a soccer coach for the Town of Cedar Lake, the Boys and Girls Club, and as a Little League coach. In his free time, Chuck enjoys fishing and kayaking on the lake. Chuck says his favorite thing about Cedar Lake is the lake and its small-town feel.

Greg Parker is a lifelong resident of Cedar Lake and a graduate of Hanover Central High School. Greg has one daughter named Sarah. He is a retired Teamster, currently holds a position as Director of Facilities for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana, and sells real estate on a part-time basis. Greg's hobbies include working on cars and riding ATVs. He has fond memories growing up in Cedar Lake and has always enjoyed being a resident here. Greg has served the town on the Plan Commission, the Unsafe Building Department, and as a Town Councilmember.

Mary Joan Dickson is a long-time Cedar Lake resident. She has been married to her husband Gordon for 30 years. They enjoy spending time with their daughter Kelly; sons Tim, Tristen, and Matt; and two grandsons, with another grandbaby due to arrive in March. Mary Joan has served on the Town's boards of the Redevelopment Commission, Plan Commission, and Police Commission and served on the Hanover Community School Board. She currently works at Holy Name Parish and is involved with Summerfest, the Chamber of Commerce, and is a Hanover Central Key Club advisor and Athletic Booster Member. Mary Joan's hobbies include camping, crocheting, and reading. Her favorite pastime is being "Grandma" to her grandsons.

Rich Thiel graduated from Wyoming Technical Institute in 1991. He married his wife Peggy in 1994, and they moved to Cedar Lake in 2005 and raised their two daughters and son, who range in age from 24-28. They attend Rise Church in Dyer. Rich is a retired mechanic and owns Midwest PGM Recovery Specialists and a few other businesses. In his free time, Rich likes to go hunting, fishing, hiking, camping, and spending time with his family. His favorite attribute of Cedar Lake is its sense of community.

Jennifer Sandberg, a lifelong resident of Cedar Lake and Hanover Central Class of 2007 graduate, began attending Purdue Calumet that same year and transferred to Indiana University Northwest, where she received her Associate's Degree in Business Administration in 2013. Jennifer and her husband Jeff chose to make Cedar Lake their home and raise their sons, Ryan and Nathan. In 2014, Jennifer began working for the Office of the Clerk-Treasurer as an entry-level billing clerk and became our Clerk-Treasurer in 2018. Jennifer says, "I firmly believe in a hands-on approach to running the many duties of this office. You can find me in the office almost every day. I serve the residents of this Town and I don't take that responsibility lightly." When she is not in the office, Jennifer is cheering on her kids at their cross-country and track meets or running a 5K herself. Jennifer and her family enjoy camping and spending their free time outdoors.



From the Desk of Chris Salatas, Town Manager

Happy New Year, all!

The Shades Project, Phase 1A, surface asphalt was completed on Wheeler and Berkley Streets. Binder asphalt, temporary striping, and guardrail were completed on 141st Avenue. Phase 1B and completion of the work on 141st Avenue will start in the spring.

The Cedar Lake Dredging Project has been paused for the winter. At the time that operations ceased, the dredge volumes were at +/- 270,000 cubic yards of sediment (CYS). The dredge boat was removed from the lake and will be back in the lake this spring; the booster pump barge will remain in the water over the winter and has been marked with flags and solar lights. The pipe has been sunk throughout the lake and crossing buoys removed; however, the ball buoys will remain in the lake where it is sunk. Dredging will resume in the spring.

The new Police and Fire Departments are moving along nicely. Drive past Town Hall occasionally to see the progress that has been made. Photos just don't do it justice.

The Redevelopment Commission's "Explore Everyday" 2023 Q4 Recipients

October's Recipient:

Peoples Bank, Leslie Devine, Branch Manager, Photo taken October 3, 2023



December's Recipient:

Tastee Top, Jonathan and Mindy Budz, Owners



Mindi Buchler
Superintendent

Parks & Recreation

Unless specified otherwise, events are free and open to all ages!

For questions, to register for events, or rent a shelter or the Clubhouse, please call (219) 374-7000, option 7 or email parks@cedarlakein.org



Registration is required for all events!

Clubhouse Events

9800 W 129th Avenue

Bingo

Monday, January 8th, 3-4 p.m.
Monday, February 5th, 3-4 p.m.
Monday, March 4th, 3-4 p.m.

Senior Social - Senior Citizens

Wednesday, January 10th, 12-2 p.m.
Wednesday, February 7th, 12-2 p.m.
Wednesday, March 6th, 12-2 p.m.

Soccer Coach Callout

Wednesday, January 17th, 6 p.m.

Town Grounds Events

7408 Constitution Avenue

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 23rd, 12 Noon



Volunteer to be a Coach



CALLING ALL SOCCER COACHES
The Town of Cedar Lake needs Soccer Coaches to volunteer for the 2023 youth soccer spring season. **Please respond to the Parks Department by January 24th if you are interested** in coaching a team for us or come to a special callout meeting on Wednesday, January 17th at 6 p.m. at the Clubhouse, where we will discuss the perks of being a volunteer coach! Please call before January 10th to let us know you will be attending.



Soccer registration opens at 8 a.m., Wednesday, February 14th and closes on Friday, February 23rd, at 4:30 p.m. During that timeframe, registrations will be accepted on a first come-first served basis at the Parks Office during normal business hours or online. If you have any questions, please contact the Parks Department by calling 219-374-7000, option 7, or emailing parks@cedarlakein.org.

The amount of children who may be registered will be determined by the number of coaches that sign up to volunteer for the spring season before. Please consider volunteering and reach out to the Parks Department by January 24th.

The Town of Cedar Lake requires all volunteers to complete a volunteer application and requires all volunteers and employees to pass a background check before being allowed to volunteer or work for the Town.

Pointers from Public Works

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/near the curb. They can be dragged and can cause damage to our equipment—as well as yours. Please be courteous when you are driving to those who are removing snow in all sorts of weather. Give them plenty of room as the equipment can kick up salt and foreign items from the roadways when plowing.

