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GIFTS FOR EVERYONE

The annual awakening of nature is a sight to behold. We are equally excited to welcome returning residents for the summer season. It's a perfect time for gift-giving. We have ten gifts for everyone in the community, courtesy of the amazing natural environment you help us protect for future generations.

We are grateful for all of these gifts. Your support makes them possible. Let's celebrate together this summer as we enjoy each of the gifts and each other.



Karen Horrell
President



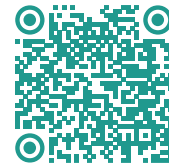
Bridget Harrison
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PARTY INVITATION

You are invited to join us for the Soirée on the Water on Saturday, June 25th, at Clear Lake Yacht Club. Bring your credit card, appetite, and dancing shoes! This event brings the community together to support something that unites all of us—the Conservancy! We can't wait to see you.

SCAN TO PURCHASE TICKETS



AQUATIC VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROJECT (AVMP)

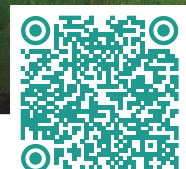
The AVMP project is well underway. Aquatic Enhancement & Survey has begun survey work to identify areas for treatment of curly-leaf pondweed. Eurasian watermilfoil will be targeted next.

Updates are posted regularly on our website.



TRAIL MONITORING

This is an opportunity to enjoy nature AND help the community. Claim your trail with our Land Steward, Elizabeth. Email her at Elizabeth.strick@clearlakeconservancy.org.



SCAN TO
SIGN UP



CLEAN ROADSIDES

We are starting the season with clean roadsides around our community. It looks terrific! Thanks to over 30 of our neighbors for this gift. Almost 63.34 hours were invested in removing 33 bags of trash, 7 bags of recyclables, and 1 pickup truck load! View the list of all volunteers on our website and help us thank them for their hard work!



DOCENT PROGRAM

Guests coming? Want to know the story behind one of the Conservancy properties? Want to learn more about native plants or animals? Take a guided tour this summer! Details and a sign-up form are available on our website.



SCAN TO SIGN UP FOR A DOCENT-LED TOUR



KNEE-HIGH NATURALISTS

This is the 17th year of sharing our love of nature with kids. Planning is underway! We hope to see your budding naturalists for the fun and inspiring sessions every Friday in July.



NEW BLUE PAPER

Education is part of our mission. Our newest Blue Paper, on our “News, Events & Resources” tab of our website, explains the effect waves have on our shoreline, primarily through boats and seawalls. We hope you’ll read it and join the discussion about solutions.



SCAN TO FILL OUT THE SURVEY



FOCUS ON SHORELINES

We want to protect every foot of shoreline around Clear Lake and Round lake for the generations coming after us. The Kasota Island Restoration Project taught us that shorelines are highly vulnerable to erosion. The Shoreline Survey, sent in the Clear Lake Association Spring newsletter, available on our website and through the QR code, will help us know where and how we can best partner with landowners to reduce erosion. You can be part of the long-term gift by participating in the Survey.



WATERSHED DIAGNOSTIC STUDY (WDS)

Have you noticed the gage stations? Data from the Cyrus Brouse ditch, Harry Teeters ditch, and the Round Lake outflow are being collected and analyzed. Understanding the current state of the ditches will guide us to wise decisions on future actions. We thank generous community members like Julie Waterfield for supporting this community gift. We invite you to join her to keep the WDS momentum going! Findings from the study will be shared at future public meetings.



BRAGGING RIGHTS

At the April Conference of the Indiana Lakes Management Society (ILMS), Bridget represented all of us in accepting the 2022 ILMS Outstanding Water Project Award for our Cyrus Brouse Clean Stream Project at Settlers Wetland Nature Preserve. We are so honored to be recognized by our peers! Now, you can brag about it, too.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Susanne Cusick with employer match from AbbVie

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*"We are showered every day with gifts,
but they are not meant for us to keep."*

— ROBIN WALL KIMMERER,
BRAIDING SWEETGRASS (2013)

MISSION STATEMENT

We preserve, protect,
& manage the natural
environment within the
Clear Lake Watershed
and Township for
future generations.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Monthly Water Quality Testing

WHEN: 6/1, 7/6, 8/3
at 8:30 am

Kasota Island Cleanup

WHEN: 6/11 at 9:00 am

Knee-high Naturalist

WHEN: 7/1, 7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29
from 10:00 am – 11:30 am

Soirée on the Water

WHEN: 6/25 from 6:00 pm
– midnight at the
Clear Lake Yacht Club

Summer Wildflower Hike at CLNP & BW

WHEN: 8/6 at 10:30 am

Macro Day

WHEN: 9/14 at 9:00 am

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