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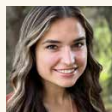
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KEEPING UP WITH CLEAR LAKE

Welcome summer! As we reach the peak of lake season in July, the energy of Clear Lake remains unmatched. Keeping up with the local activities and projects may seem challenging, but we hope to make it easy. This newsletter simply highlights 10 things to know about the Conservancy this summer. As always, check out our website or contact our office for more details.



Caroline Barth
Executive Director



Doug Mulvaney
President

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AQUATIC VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLAN

Good news! Our spring survey of aquatic vegetation on Clear and Round Lakes showed only 2 acres of invasive watermilfoil and 12.5 acres of invasive curly-leaf pondweed. With no spring treatment planned, the growth of our aquatic vegetation will continue to be monitored for future control plans.

[SEE THE SURVEYS HERE](#)



BORTON WETLANDS RESTORATION

With the support of a \$5,000 NIPSCO Environmental Action Grant, restoration work has begun at Borton Wetlands. Our work focuses on allowing a variety of deep-rooted native plants to grow, filtering groundwater, and improving habitat in the ecosystem.

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WATERSHED DIAGNOSTIC STUDY

Our Watershed Diagnostic Study continues monitoring our two major inlet ditches, the outflow dam at Round Lake, and deep portions of the lake basin. When weather patterns change with increased rainfall, dry spells, heat waves, or pop-up storms, the automatic samplers gather data on how our lake reacts.



**KASOTA ISLAND CLEANUP
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PUBLIC TRAILS

This summer, consider visiting our public trails at Clear Lake Nature Preserve, Waterfield Preserve, and Elizabeth Hanna Nature Preserve. Our public trails are open from dawn to dusk, foot traffic only, and pets are welcome when on a leash.

KNEE-HIGH NATURALISTS

Join us from 10 - 11:30 am, on July 11, 18, and 25 at Memorial Woods near Point Park and on August 1 at the Clear Lake Marina for our free youth education programs. This year's topics include Bugs Bugs Bugs!, Water Quality and Aquatic Insects, Wilderness 101, and Gone Fishin'.



[VIEW THE FLYER](#)



INDIANA WILD – AUGUST 30TH

Mark your calendars! On August 30th at 10 AM, Indiana Wild will be bringing LIVE animals to Memorial Woods at Point Park for an exciting presentation about our Indiana critters. More details to come.



SUMMER GUIDED HIKE – AUGUST 9 AT 9 AM

Start off your Saturday morning with a peaceful hike through the woods by joining us at **Waterfield Preserve on August 9 at 9 AM**. Learn about trees, grasses, habitat restoration and water quality filtration at Koeneman Lake.

GLACIAL STONE REINFORCEMENT AT KASOTA ISLAND

The Kasota Island Shoreline Protection project began in 2017 to reduce erosion and protect the Island's shoreline. This summer, we received a generous donation to reinforce the east shoreline with additional glacial stone. We completed this work in June.



LAKE FRIENDLY LIVING

We all play a role in the health of our environment and the water quality within our lake. Remember to minimize or reduce phosphorus/fertilizer use, reduce erosion of your property and shoreline, and avoid stirring up the lake floor by idling in shallow areas.



LAKE-FRIENDLY LIVING TIPS



RUN DAY, FUN DAY SUPPORT

We are extremely grateful for 28 amazing sponsors that supported Run Day, Fun Day and our mission to protect Clear Lake's environment. Over 60 volunteers showed up to ensure this event was a day to remember. Catch the full Run Day, Fun Day recap in our next Clear Thinking newsletter.



SCAN FOR RACE WINNERS



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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GLOSSARY TERMS TO KNOW

HABITAT: The natural place for an organism to live and grow. Suitability of a habitat is determined by climate factors like seasonal variations in temperature, humidity, and availability of light as well as environmental factors such as soil richness, types of vegetation present, and availability of water.

MISSION STATEMENT

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Clear Lake Watershed
and Township for
future generations.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

ANNUAL MEETING

WHEN: July 25th
4:00 p.m.
Clear Lake Lutheran
Church Pavilion

INDIANA WILD!

WHEN: August 30th
10:00 a.m.
Memorial Woods

SUMMER GUIDED HIKE

WHEN: August 9th
9:00 a.m.
Waterfield Preserve