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CLERMONT TOWN NEWS

SUMMER
2024

Clerk's Desk: Town Finances In Order

Larry Beiter, Clerk-Treasurer

Thanks to all of the residents who showed up to support me at the polls! Sorry for not being on the ballot to allow you to vote for me; the county election board no longer includes unopposed races on the ballot.

Thanks also to Mark Neal for his many years of service and diligent efforts training this new clerk and ensuring a smooth transition.

A few notable items from the past 12 months in the Clerk's Office:

- We closed our financial ledger for 2023 with no issues. The town finished the year within budget and all accounts balanced for the year. All reports were provided to the State Board of Accounts (SBOA) and are available for public access online through
- We have begun developing more detailed office procedures to facilitate new employee onboarding and to standardize key clerk office activities such as payroll, tax payments and end-of-year financial reporting. These will help training and handoff for

the state's Gateway Portal at gateway.ifonline.org.

- The SBOA completed a routine audit of the town's finances in 2023 with no findings of note.
- After initial evaluation of various investment vehicles, the town was able to negotiate better interest rates at our bank, yielding more than \$60,000 in additional interest revenue on an annual basis while remaining in an FDIC-insured account.
- We are working on the annual update to our five-year financial planning/forecasting model to ensure our ability to support future projects and operating expenses.
- The budgeting process for 2025 has begun. Look for our budget introduction meeting on August 15 (a great chance to provide input) and our budget public hearing on September 12.

future clerks, and coincide with the council updating its elected official handbook.

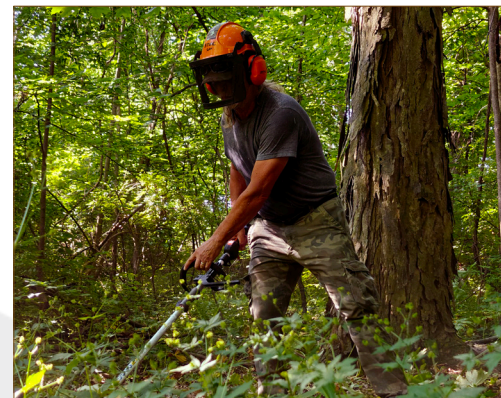
- The council now may use credit cards for emergency purchases and approved supplies or services that cannot be invoiced. Controls for approvals and checks/balances remain in place to ensure fiscal responsibility.

A Little of This, Little of That

- You and about 2,400 others are receiving this newsletter from the Town of Clermont. Most are residents within town limits. See the map at clermont.in.gov if unsure.
- The Clermont festival and parade will be Saturday, September 21, and will feature a cookoff between the Lions

Club president and Impact Clermont Christian Church pastor. Contact the club to join the parade and festivities.

- The Lincolnwood community yard sale will be July 19-20.
- Clermont was incorporated as a town on July 11, 1903. James Robey became the first council president.



Friends cleared paths at Robey Park's summer cleanup in June



Annual Clermont Car Show at Lions Club Park in June

50-Year View of Clermont

Sue Topf, Council President

My family and I moved to Clermont in 1974. It is home. It is home to many of us. Clermont has that small-town feeling that everyone wants to build. The town has not really grown too much since our family arrived; three sides of our town became part of Indianapolis, and one side of it has turned partially into Brownsburg (some is still unincorporated).

My four children grew up here, and my grandchildren are now learning to drive themselves to my home. We have played here, walked to the Dairy Queen, and now walk to get Mexican food. My children and I took bike hikes all over town, to the Lions Club Park, and to the Robey Elementary playground. Robey was different then; the playground was open, and not fenced.

My children received a great education at Robey, moved on to Fulton Junior High and Ben

Davis High School, and continued to receive a great education. At Robey they were able to play basketball during the winter, and through Westlake Baseball. They played baseball and softball, and did all the fun things children did without computers.

Children were able to ride bikes everywhere because it was safe. They could play outside without making a special "play date." They could run to the neighbor's house to get me a cup of sugar. They had freedom and did not have the worries of today's world.

I still see that in the town of Clermont. I still see kids riding bikes, playing basketball, and coming to the Lions Club Park to play. I see parents bringing their young ones to our parks to play. The other day, I even saw three children sitting at the end of a driveway, sharing their dinner, just like they did five decades ago!

Clermont still has that small-

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A Pothole's Worst Enemy

Clermont Street Commissioner Tim Lambard has one thing to say to potholes in Clermont:

Get out, and stay out!

Lambard is passionate about keeping the town's roads better than its neighboring cities'. His request: If you see something, say something. If you see a pothole in town, tell Clermont. Lambard knows the longer a pothole lives, the more it grows and the costlier it will be to repair, so go to <https://www.in.gov/towns/clermont/contact> and fill out the action form to report potholes. The town will work with its contractor to make the repairs in a timely manner. Include your email address to stay updated.

INDOT's Community Crossings Grant is a big reason why town roads are consistently better than those outside of town limits, so the town will apply for the grant again this summer to support major work next year to refresh and preserve roads. It benefits Clermont a lot to plan projects alongside the grant cycle because bidding is more competitive with a large scale of work at one time.



Safety Tips

The Clermont Police Department serves and protects the town's 1,400 residents and its neighbors. Some tips for a safe summer:

HOMEOWNERS

- Plan for vacation by having your mail held at the post office or having a neighbor pick it up. Leave inside lights on timers to create the impression your house is occupied while you are away, and set your alarm system. Have a neighbor or lawn service mow your lawn. Remember to notify CPD at 317-291-0416 (if you live in town limits) to set up extra patrols until you return.

DRIVERS

- Be alert to children playing. They may be more concerned about retrieving a ball that rolls into the street than watching for your vehicle coming toward them.

PARENTS

- Children shouldn't be outside after dark without an adult. Please know where your child is at all times, who they are with, and what they are up to.

Read more tips online at in.gov/towns/clermont/town-services/public-safety/summer-safety



From the Principal's Office

Ben Markley, Robey Principal

I hope this message finds you all well. I am writing to you today on behalf of Robey Elementary School to share some important updates and announcements.

First and foremost, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new and returning students and families. We are thrilled to have you as part of our MSD Wayne Township and Robey Elementary communities and look forward to a wonderful school year ahead. Our district and school websites are great sources of information to help answer questions about new enrollments, bus stop information, and important dates. Just google "MSD Wayne Township" or "Robey Elementary." Our school office is open 7:30-4 and can be reached by phone at 317-988-6000.

As we kick off the new academic year, I want to highlight a few key

events and initiatives that we have planned:

- Back-to-School Nights:** We invite all parents and guardians to join us for our Back-to-School Nights on July 25 (new KDG families), August 7 (1st-3rd) and August 8 (4th-6th). This is an excellent opportunity to meet your child's teacher, learn about the curriculum, and get involved in our school community.
- Volunteer Opportunities:** We are always in need of dedicated volunteers to support our various programs and activities. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to ...

Continues online at <https://www.in.gov/towns/clermont/resources/schools/principals-office>

Keep Up With Trash and Grass

Clermont Police Commissioner Frank Lemaire reminds residents that the town actively enforces its litter and upkeep ordinance.

Remember that heavy trash pickup is during the second full week of the month on your regular trash pickup day. Items too large to go into the trash container

should be put next to it. Do not leave trash outside if you miss heavy trash pickup.

Be sure to keep your grass and other vegetation trimmed to stay in compliance. Trees, bushes and fences that block or impair the use of the public walkways will result in ordinance violations (fines).



Miller Pipeline employees volunteered to beautify Miller Park

Town Seeking Extra Hands

Clermont Facilities Maintenance Commissioner Kim Sauro extends a special thank you to local company Miller Pipeline for volunteering to refresh the town's Miller Park in May. Additional improvements to the pavilion, fire pit, and trash cans are in the works. Sauro reminds parkgoers to "do their part" by picking up their dog's waste and disposing of it in one of the park's trash cans.

The town is seeking to hire an insured cleaning service for town hall and the police station. Insured

handymen are also needed for odd jobs for the town, such as reinstalling street signs, hanging banners and flags, clearing storm drains, making repairs to outdoor items like fences, and painting.

Every summer, town flowers grace Crawfordsville Road and need to be watered frequently. Clermont Lions Club volunteers have handled this in recent years, but additional volunteers are being sought to share the load.

Contact Sauro or the clerk-treasurer if interested.

50-Year View (continued)

town charm.

Stewarded by our town council, we benefit in ways we may take for granted: Our local police force patrols our streets; our streets get repaired, plowed and salted in a timely manner (unlike many of the streets outside our borders) and efforts to maintain and improve our area's quality of life through special projects and local accountability still happen.

Oh, and we can still walk to the Dairy Queen.

The town was settled in the 1820s and became incorporated in 1903. Since that time much of the world has changed, yet we retain much of our heritage. If you look around the town, you will see homes and buildings more than 100 years old.

The growth of the town of Clermont is not in its size or the population, but the number of years that it continues to thrive.

We have many 50-year members of our community, and they live in Clermont because they cherish what it has been, still is and can be for future generations.

Improving Clermont's Quality of Life

Wouldn't it be nice if Clermont had a vibrant main street like Speedway? That place would make a perfect community center. It would be so cool if there were a sidewalk or trail here so we could walk or bike to the parks in Clermont or the B&O Trail.

Sound like you? If so, dive into the Clermont Quality-of-Life Plan at <https://www.in.gov/towns/clermont/town-council>. Find something there you can help Clermont with, then contact admin@clermont.in.gov.

