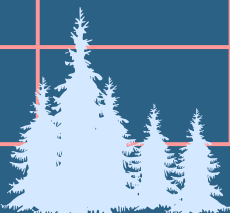




Calendar of Events



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>October</i>	 Breast Cancer Awareness Month		1. Plan Commission 6p.m.	2. Park Board 5:30 p.m.	3.	4.
5. Mental Health Awareness Week Fire Prevention Week 	6. Senior Gatherings 12 p.m.	7. RDC, 6:30 p.m. Town Council, 7 p.m.	8. Farmer's Market 3-8 p.m.	9. Board of Zoning Appeals, 6 p.m.	10.	11.
12.	13.	14. Storm Water Board 6 p.m.	15. Unsafe Building, 5:30 p.m. Plan Commission, 7 p.m.	16.	17.	18.
19.	20.	21. Utility Board, 6:30 p.m. Town Council, 7 p.m.	22. Farmer's Market 3- 8 p.m. Board of Safety, 6 p.m.	23.	24.	25. Trunk or Treat 12 -2 p.m.
26.	27. Senior Bingo	28. National First Responders Day 	29. Farmer's Market 3- 8 p.m.	30.	31. Boards & Commission Apps. Due Happy Halloween!	
<i>November</i>						1.
2.	3. Senior Gatherings 12 p.m.	4. RDC, 7 p.m. Town Council, Immediately Following	5. Plan Commission 6p.m.	6. Park Board 5:30 p.m.	7.	8. Veteran's Day Dinner 4-6 p.m. in St. John.
9.	10.	11. Veteran's Day Town Offices Closed 	12. Red Cross Blood Drive at Monastery Clubhouse	13. Board of Zoning Appeals, 6 p.m.	14.	15.
16.	17.	18. Utility Board, 6:30 p.m. Town Council, 7 p.m.	19. Unsafe Building, 5:30 p.m. Plan Commission, 7 p.m.	20.	21.	22. Parade of Lights & Tree Lighting 4:30-11:30 p.m.
23.	24. Senior Bingo	25.	26. Board of Safety, 6 p.m.	27. Happy Thanksgiving Town Offices Closed	28. Town Offices Closed	29./30.
<i>December</i>	1.	2. RDC, 6:30 p.m. Town Council, 7 p.m.	3. Plan Commission 6p.m.	4. Park Board 5:30 p.m.	5.	6.
7. Visit with Santa at the Clubhouse RSVP required	8.	9. Storm Water Board 6 p.m.	10.	11. Board of Zoning Appeals, 6 p.m.	12.	13.
14.	15.	16. Utility Board, 6:30 p.m. Town Council, 7 p.m.	17. Unsafe Building, 5:30 p.m. Plan Commission, 7 p.m.	18.	19.	20.
21.	22.	23.	24. Town Offices Closed	25.  HAPPY HOLIDAYS Town Offices Closed	26.	27.
28.	29.	30.	31.	1.  Happy New Year Town Offices Closed		

Friendly Reminders

- Register for approved Lake County, IN emergency communications and other important information via text message and email. <https://www.getrave.com/login/lakecountyin>
- To register for a Town Hall meeting via Zoom, visit our website, cedarlakein.gov under events and click the date of the meeting. Zoom registrations must be made prior to 4 p.m. the day of the meeting.
- Board & Commission Applications are being accepted until October 31, 2025. Pick up an application at Town Hall - 7408 Constitution Avenue from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM, or download the form on our website, cedarlakein.gov. Proof of residency is required and political affiliation, where applicable.

Thank you for reading!

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

LAKESIDE BULLETIN

Fourth Quarter Edition- 2025

From the Town Manager's Office

Town Manager Benjamin Eldridge

Greetings from the office of the Town Manager in beautiful Cedar Lake. It has been a beautiful summer, and now shortly fall will be upon us with the changing of the leaves and as James Whitcomb Riley said, the frost will be on the Pumpkin.

With a new season comes new challenges, but challenges are what help us grow. I'm reminded of the story of Glenn Cunningham and the challenges he faced in his life.

Glenn Cunningham lived in the small community of Elkhart, Kansas. As a young boy he and his brother, Floyd, had the responsibility each morning to go early to the one room school house they attended and build a fire in the pot-bellied stove. One morning when they arrived before everyone else, they loaded the kindling into the stove and added kerosene. What they didn't know was that someone had accidentally filled the kerosene can with gasoline. The stove exploded blowing Glenn out of the building and killing his brother Floyd. Glenn was burned so severely that the doctors recommended that his legs be amputated. He begged the doctors to spare his legs.

For weeks Glenn's parents wrapped his legs in bandages and massaged them daily. Glenn lost the arch on one foot and many toes on the other. He kept his legs, but they were covered in scars for the rest of his life, but to make a long story short, Glenn Cunningham faced his challenge and grew up to be a track star and held the record as the fastest runner of the mile in the world.

When we face challenges, it's only a matter of determination to overcome them. As we strive to make our wonderful community even better, may we face our challenges united, with positivity and optimistic determination.

Important Phone Numbers

To Report Non-Emergencies AND Emergencies CALL 911
Police Department 219-374-5416
Fire Department 219-374-5961
Southcom Dispatch 219.322-2121
Public Works 219-374-7478
Building Department 219-374-7400
Republic Garbage 219-662-8600
NIPSCO 1-800-464-7726

Cedar Lake Town Hall • 7408 Constitution Ave. PO Box 707 Cedar Lake, IN 46303

Permits & Renewals



Contractor's License Renewals

Starting January 1, 2026 until March 1, 2026, the Town of Cedar Lake is accepting Contractor's License renewal applications. The renewal fee is \$50.00 along with your renewal application, a copy of your recorded Lake County bond, a copy of your certificate of insurance with Workman's Compensation, and a copy of your Lake County License (General Contractor's only). Applications for renewal will be mailed mid December. For more information about contractor's license renewals for 2026, please contact the Building Department at (219) 374- 7400

Dog Tag Renewals

Dog owners are required to renew their licenses annually at the Clerk-Treasurer's January through March 31st. The cost is \$10 per dog with a maximum of three dogs permitted at each residence. After March 31st, the cost will be \$15 per dog. A valid rabies certification is required in order to renew the license. For those who are unable to come to the Town Hall to renew the dog license, we will accept a copy of the valid rabies certificate, and payment by check, through the mail or the drop box in our parking lot. For more information, please call our office at (219) 374-7000.



Leaf Collecting

Leaf vacuum trucks will be out each week for the duration of leaf-pick-up season, which began October 1st and will end mid-December. Public Works has a regular route starting at one end of town and continuing to the other end of town until the entire town is picked up/serviced; the department will then start their route over again. Residents are also able to dispose of leaves at the Public Works Department, Monday through Friday from 7a to 3p, as well as on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 9a to 1p. Please stop in the main office first to present your photo ID &/or your most recent Cedar Lake utility bill for proof of property ownership in Cedar Lake. Please call Public Works at (219) 374-7478 if you have questions. Calling when yard work is complete is not necessary.

- Place the leaf piles along the curbside within six (6) feet of the street (due to the length of the vac truck hose)
- Do not park vehicles within ten (10) feet of the leaf pile
- Do not block waterways or drainage
- Do not place leaves by mailboxes, trees, and power line wires/utility poles
- Do not mix leaves with yard waste, branches, stones or branches; leaf piles will be bypassed if any improper items are noticed
- If you wish to bag leaves, use brown yard waste bags; we will not pick up leaves in any other container

Holiday Season Safety Tips

Police Department



Chief
John Gruszka



The holiday season may mean different things to people: time spent with the family, holiday vacations, and even presents. To burglars, these characteristics can mean empty homes with vulnerable valuables, and often the opportunity to provide holiday presents to their own families. The Cedar Lake Police Department would like to remind people to be on their guard against burglars this holiday season and to take all necessary precautions to safeguard their houses.

- If you'll be out of town for a while, ask a friend or neighbor to keep a watchful eye on your home. It may be a good idea to have someone park in your driveway or even shovel for you!
- Keep your home well-lit during the evening hours!
- It is advisable to keep your Christmas shopping goodies in the trunk of your car! Do not place shopping bags in plain view inside your vehicle.
- Be cautious of solicitors this time of year. A stop at your doorway may provide for a chance to scope your home and valuable items.
- If ordering packages to be delivered, schedule them to be delivered at a convenient time when you are home!
- Take time to trim back any bushes or trees that block visibility through your house.
- Check all entryways into your home to make sure they are secure.
- Be sure to turn off or unplug any holiday decorations when going to bed or leaving the house.

Halloween Safety Tips

- Children should trick or treat during daylight hours (5 PM-7PM)
- Children should never be allowed to go out alone on Halloween
- Children should never eat any treats until they have been examined
- Advise children that they should never enter strangers' homes
- Never invite children into your home
- Children should never take shortcuts through backyards or alleys
- Adult escorts should carry flashlights
- Keep pets inside your home on Halloween Night.
- Props such as toy guns or swords should be made of pliable material
- Realistic replica of firearms should never be used
- Masks should not be worn if they impair vision
- Wigs should be fireproof and should not restrict vision
- Children should always use sidewalks, not the street, for walking.

Upcoming PD Events

NWR SWAT fundraiser's event will be Friday, Dec 5 at the Hard Rock Casino. See a NWR SWAT member or CLPD for raffle tickets or event tickets, or go to the NWR SWAT Facebook page for more information.

CLPD will also be supporting Protecting K9 Heroes annual fundraiser on Friday, October 10 at the Halls of St George. Protecting K9 Heroes supports K9s, handlers and their departments across the US and has been a great supporter of K9 Johnny and CLPD

Fire Department



Fire Interim Chief
Nick Mager



Fire Prevention Week™
October 5-11, 2025. This year's focus on lithium-ion batteries works to better educate the public about how to buy, charge, and dispose of them safely.

- Buy only listed products.
- Charge devices safely.
- Recycle batteries responsibly.

Parks & Recreation



Superintendent
Mindi Ray



The Cedar Lake Parks Department offers a variety of programs and events for all ages. For a complete list of park offerings, please visit our website at cedarlakein.gov/parks
Follow us on Facebook- Town of Cedar Lake Parks and Recreation for program and event announcements!

Cedar Lake Parks Department (219) 374-7000 Ext. 7

parks@cedarlakein.gov

Register in person or online: cedarlake.recdesk.com

Clubhouse Events

9800 W 129th Ave.

Senior Gathering 12 PM and Bingo 1 PM

October 6th: RSVP by 10/3-Fitness Premier

November 3rd: RSVP by 10/31- Game Day

December 1st: RSVP by 11/24-Purdue Extension

Bingo Only Event 12 PM

October 27th: RSVP by 10/24

November 24th: RSVP by 11/11

Red Cross Blood Drive

Monastery Clubhouse 11/12

Stay Fit & Active Exercise Class Senior Fitness

Session 4: October 2-30th /Register: 9/1-9/29

Session 5: November 4-25th /Register: 10/2-10/30

Session 6: December 2-30th /Register: 11/3-11/28

Visit With Santa!

Sunday, December 7th from 11 AM-3 PM

Register online at rec desk



Town Grounds Events

7408 Constitution Ave.

Parks @ The Farmers Market

October 22nd: Arts & Crafts 5:30 - 6:30 PM

Ages 6-10

Trunk or Treat Event

Saturday, October 25th 12 PM- 2 PM

Costume Contest begins at 11:30 AM



Protecting Our Storm Drain Inlets

Storm drain inlets are essential components of our stormwater infrastructure. Their job is to collect rainwater from streets, parking lots, and other surfaces, then direct it into the storm sewer system to reduce local flooding. Importantly, storm drains are not connected to treatment facilities - anything entering them flows directly into our rivers, lakes, and streams. When materials like grass clippings, leaves, trash, oil, paint, or excess fertilizers enter storm drains, they degrade water quality, damage wildlife habitats, and diminish recreational water areas. Protecting our storm drain inlets is therefore not only good environmental stewardship, but also a compliance requirement under Town of Cedar Lake Stormwater Ordinance No. 1218.

Best Practices for Storm Drain Inlets

What to Do

- Never Dump chemicals, yard waste, or trash into storm drains.
- Use temporary inlet protection (e.g., gravel rings, inlet bags) on disturbed areas or construction sites.
- Inspect weekly and after rain, and clear trapped sediment immediately.
- Comply with Ordinance No. 1218- it's both good practice and the law.

Why It Matters

Everything enters local waterways untreated.

These are the last filters before runoff enters the system.

Ensures inlets stays functional and prevents flooding.

Protects Cedar Lake and supports community wellbeing.

