

2026 UPCOMING EVENTS



January



- 1 Happy New Year! Town Offices are Closed
- 2 Kiwanis Dog Park Membership goes on sale
- 5 Senior Gathering & Bingo 12-2 p.m.
- 5 Clubhouse & Shelter Rentals now available
- 6 Hanover, Tri-creek, CP Schools back in session
- 19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day! Town Offices Closed
- 26 Senior Bingo 12-1 p.m.

February

- 2 Senior Gathering & Bingo 12-2 p.m.
- 9 Spring Soccer Registration Begins
- 14 Happy Valentine's Day 
- 16 President's Day! Town Offices are Closed
- 23 Senior Bingo 12-1 p.m.

March

- 2 Senior Gathering & Bingo 12-2 p.m.
- 12 Soccer Coaches and Referee Meeting 6 p.m.
- 17 Happy St. Patrick's Day 
- 28 Easter Egg Hunt 12 p.m. Sharp 
- 30 Senior Bingo 12-1 p.m.

Stay connected with us for more upcoming events! !

TOWN OF CEDAR LAKE	219-374-7400
Website: cedarlakein.gov Facebook: Town of Cedar Lake	7408 Constitution Ave. P.O. Box 707

Thank you for reading!

CEDAR LAKE 2026 TOWN MEETING SCHEDULE

Looking to get more involved or find out what the Town is up to? Check out the Town Meeting Schedule below:

RDC & Town Council

- January 6, 6:30 p.m.
- February 3, 6:30 p.m.
- March 3, 6:30 p.m.

Plan Commission

- January 7, 6:00 p.m.
- February 4, 6:00 p.m.
- March 4, 6:00 p.m.

Board of Zoning Appeals

- January 8, 6:00 p.m.
- February 12, 6:00 p.m.
- March 12, 6:00 p.m.

Storm Water Board

- January 13, 6:00 p.m.
- February 10, 6:00 p.m.
- March 10, 6:00 p.m.

Parks and Recreation

- January 15, 5:30 p.m.
- February 5, 5:30 p.m.
- March 5, 5:30 p.m.

Utility Board & Town Council

- January 20, 6:30 p.m.
- February 17, 6:30 p.m.
- March 17, 6:30 p.m.

Unsafe Building

- January 21, 5:30 p.m.
- February 18, 5:30 p.m.
- March 18, 5:30 p.m.

Plan Commission

- January 21, 7:00 p.m.
- February 18, 7:00 p.m.
- March 18, 7:00 p.m.

Board of Safety

- January 28, 6:00 p.m.
- February 25, 6:00 p.m.
- March 25, 6:00 p.m.



2026 LAKESIDE Bulletin

QUARTER 1 EDITION

Welcome to Our Quarterly Newsletter!



TOWN MANAGER- BENJAMIN ELDRIDGE

Happy New Year

Happy New Year from the Town of Cedar Lake!

As we welcome a brand-new year, we're filled with gratitude for our community and excitement for all that lies ahead. Each quarter gives us an opportunity to reflect on our progress, share important updates, and celebrate the many ways our town continues to grow and thrive—thanks to the dedication of our residents, partners, and staff.

We look forward to a year filled with continued collaboration, meaningful improvements, and moments that bring us together. Thank you for being an essential part of what makes Cedar Lake such a special place.

Important Phone Numbers

To Report
Non-Emergencies
AND Emergencies
CALL 911

Police Department
219-374-5416

Fire Department
219-374-5961

Public Works
219-374-7478

Southcom Dispatch
219.322-2121

Republic Garbage
219-662-8600

NIPSCO
1-800-464-7726

Hanover Township
Trustee
219-374-7443

Meet Your
Town Council
Members



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



LIVE CHRISTMAS
TREE DISPOSAL

Live Christmas trees can be dropped off at The Public Works Department located at 8550 Lake Shore Drive. Please call (219) 374-7478 with any questions

FRIENDLY REMINDERS



- Register for approved Lake County, IN emergency communications and other important information via text message and email.
<https://www.getrave.com/login/lake-countyin>
- 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.



DOG LICENSES

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.

Snow Removal Responsibilities

Town: Maintains, plows, and salts public streets and roadways.

Residents: Clear snow and ice from private driveways and adjoining sidewalks.

Recommended Actions

Clear your driveway: Use a shovel or snow blower to remove snow after plows have completed their route. Do not put back in the street, tickets can be written

Clear sidewalks: Keep the sidewalks adjacent to your property free of snow and ice to ensure safe pedestrian passage.

If you are unable to perform the physical tasks of shoveling or snow blowing your driveway and sidewalk, please consider seeking assistance from friends, family, neighbors, or hiring a professional snow removal service to ensure access is maintained during inclement weather



KIWANIS DOG PARK MEMBERSHIPS

Memberships for 2026 will go on sale beginning January 2nd. Please remember to bring your dog's veterinary records and stop by Town Hall first to obtain your 2026 Dog License before purchasing your Dog Park membership. Current Dog Park members your membership will expire on January 12, 2026.

CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE RENEWAL

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

A Word from the Chiefs

WINTER DRIVING TIPS

Stay home if you really don't have to go out!
But if you must go out remember to adjust your speed for the driving conditions:

- Always wear your seatbelt.
- Accelerate and decelerate slowly, it takes longer to slow down on icy roads.
- Allow extra space between you and other vehicles.
- Make sure your tires are properly inflated.
- Do not use cruise control when driving on any slippery surface.
- Keep your gas tank at least half full, to avoid the gas line freezing up.
- Always carry your charged cell phone.
- Also keep extra hats, gloves, food, water and blankets in your car.
- If you do become stranded, stay with your vehicle. Never try to walk in a storm.



Chief of Police
John Gruszka



Fire Chief
Nick Mager



SNOW ROUTE PARKING:

Per Town Ordinance 72.32: In the Event of any falling snow, sleet, or freezing rain, occurring within the Town, at any time, a parking prohibition on all snow emergency routes in the town shall immediately be in effect. Once in effect, this shall remain until the snow, sleet, or freezing rain has been cleared entirely. 72.39: All streets or portions of streets within the town are hereby designated as snow emergency routes.



Parks Department
Superintendent
Mindi Ray



Parks Department News and Updates

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](https://www.facebook.com/TownofCedarLakeParksandRecreation) for program and event announcements!

(219) 374-7000, option 7 / Email: parcs@cedarlakein.gov

Register in person or online: cedarlakein.gov/recdesk.com

TOWN GROUND UPCOMING EVENTS:

2026 Spring Soccer- Registration begins February 9th in person or online.

Spring Season begins April 6th. **Referees wanted-** We will train you! must be 16 and older to apply and be able to work on Saturdays!

Youth Easter Egg Hunt- Saturday, March 28th at 12 p.m. SHARP. Arrive early to find your hunting area

THE MONASTERY CLUBHOUSE EVENTS:

Senior Gathering & BINGO to follow from 1:00-2:00 p.m.

- Monday, January 5th -12 to 1 p.m. Christiana Smith-Oasis Senior Advisor-RSVP by 01/02
- Monday, February 2nd-12 to 1p.m. Teri Healy- Bags & Mats for those in Need-RSVP by 01/30
- Monday, March 2nd-12 to 1 p.m. Holly Gray- Holly's Grooming RSVP by 02/27

Senior BINGO- Join us Monthly for an additional BINGO opportunity

- Monday, January 26th from 12 to 1 p.m. RSVP Deadline Date-January 25th
- Monday, February 23rd from 12 to 1 p.m. RSVP Deadline Date- February 22nd
- Monday, March 30th from 12 to 1 p.m. RSVP Deadline Date: March 29th

Stay Fit & Active Exercise Class- Kickstart your day, join our fitness class for mature adults

When: Tuesday & Thursday from 9-10am Accepting: Minimum 10/Max 30

RSVP Deadline Date for January is December 31st

RSVP Deadline Date for February is February 2nd

RSVP Deadline Date for March is March 2nd