

# The Water Tower

“The Best Small Town in the City”

Spring 2022

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Town Hall meetings are the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Clermont Town Hall.

## Clermont Town Council

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## Message from Clermont Council President

Dear neighbors, here are just some of the projects your town board is engaged in:

- Stepping up enforcement of litter and property upkeep ordinance violations
- Engaging with county officials on local zoning violations
- Taking proactive steps to preserving our great roads and improving our sidewalk system
- Recodifying the town's ordinances
- Developing spending plans for federal pandemic funds
- Supporting economic development efforts, which includes exploring the relocation of the town's facilities
- Creating a community forestry program

One of the bigger developments in recent months has been the town taking action to improve our financial planning and stability by hiring a professional finance firm (Baker Tilly). In the same way the town contracts an attorney to ensure its adherence to law, this municipal advising company is starting to help the town navigate its finances to a higher degree and plan for the future in ways it has not been able to before. This will be especially important as the town develops plans to spend more than \$300,000 it will receive from federal pandemic programs.

On that subject, I have encouraged my fellow board members to focus on ways we can spend these funds that are strategic and have significant long-term impact, since these funds are "one time only." We are currently building a list of ideas to work from, and I welcome you to contribute yours soon by emailing me at [mbeam@clermont.in.gov](mailto:mbeam@clermont.in.gov) or filling out the survey at <https://forms.gle/QbvzP2pBqR6oah7>.

Lastly, over the past few years many of us have heard the commentary on how divisive our society seems to have become, especially when it comes to politics. Clermont board members in recent years have tried hard to make sure your town board is a governing body you can be confident in and proud of, which has not always been the case here, unfortunately. Whether you have been discouraged in the past by attending town meetings, or have never been to a board meeting, I invite you to try to attend at least one meeting in 2022. We need residents to be informed about Clermont affairs (rumors spread easily in a small town), but we also need to hear new ideas and fresh perspectives, especially from those who are ready to invest in helping Clermont take bold steps forward. Come join your neighbors the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m., and let's work together to make our town a better place to live and work.

Sincerely,

Mike Beam



## Semi-annual Clermont town clean-up

Clermont residents know we live in the “Best Small Town in the City” and we want the world to know it. U.S. Highway 136, or as we call it “Main Street” runs through the heart of our town but connects Indianapolis to Brownsburg. Our main street is the first or final impression visitors will see of the city, thus Clermont looks is a reflection on Indianapolis. Our Facilities Maintenance Commissioner, Nancy Baxter works hard to ensure our grass, trees, flowers, banners, sidewalks, streets, and common areas are inviting and presentable. Our Streets Commissioner, Lora Miller works hard to make sure Clermont streets are smooth and clear of snow in the winter. Additionally, she collaborates with the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) to get that same quality on U.S. Highway 136 (the Town of Clermont is not responsible for U.S. 136).

Saturday, May 28 is our annual spring clean-up. Bring a neighbor, have some coffee, doughnuts (Longs) and conversation at the town barn (3518 Tansel Road). The town partners with Keep Indianapolis Beautiful (KIB) for two yearly town-wide clean-up events (spring and fall). The clean-up begins at 9 a.m. and ends at noon. Gloves, masks, bags and all materials will be provided.

Groups are welcome, and it’s a good way to get in some volunteer hours.

If you have any questions or would like to sign up, contact Nancy Baxter at 317.833.2435 or just show up! We’ll be glad to see you.



## #ThisisClermont



If you are new to the town, you will soon hear the serenading of hundreds of horses racing. Ok, it's not a stampede, but the horsepower released by muscle cars, trucks, Funny Cars, motorcycles, hot rods, and even open wheels at Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park (IRP). Clermont has a rich history in NHRA racing, as we are home to the NHRA Nationals in September (Labor Day weekend). For those unfamiliar, it's like the Superbowl of drag racing, so it's a pretty big deal. NASCAR returns to IRP on June 29, with the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series. Around here, we call that thunder the "sounds of Clermont."



The Lions Club International has a simple mission; to serve. The Clermont Lions Club serves our town in many ways, and they have consistently served the children of our town. All are invited to the annual Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 16, beginning promptly at noon. The hunt will take place at the Clermont Lions park located at 3201 Tansel Rd.

### Keep Sidewalks Clear and Report Street Issues

City-county ordinance (Title II, Section 431-106) states that the occupant of any premises (or owner of any unoccupied premises) is required to keep the sidewalks in front of or adjacent to the premises clear of snow and ice. [Details](#) are available in the city-county code.

City-county ordinance (Title II, Section 361-307) requires residents to keep the sidewalk free of weeds, grass, and litter. Curbs are also to be kept clean of all debris. [Details](#) available in the city-county code.

To report potholes, down signs or other street issues, contact Clermont's Street Commissioner at [Lora.Miller@clermont.in.gov](mailto:Lora.Miller@clermont.in.gov).

## What's going on?

### *Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park*

The home of championship racing has returned to its roots. After a few years of name changes, the name of that place where the engines roar is again called IRP! Officially, it's Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park. Check out what all the thunder is about with the [full 2022 schedule](#). See below for April.



### *Indy Parks is Hiring*

Part-time seasonal and part-time year-round positions are available. Apply at [parks.indy.gov](https://www.parks.indy.gov).

### *Alternatives to Tree Topping*

One of the advantages to living in Clermont is the trees. Trees do so much for our environment, and many residents top them for various reasons, however, topping trees is harmful to the tree and dangerous. Do not be discouraged, as there are alternatives to topping your trees. [Visit the Department of Natural Resources for healthy alternatives](#).

### *Clermont Town Garage Sale*

July 16 and 17

### *Upcoming Clermont Town Council Meetings*

Thursday, May 12 @ 7 p.m.

Thursday, June 9 @ 7 p.m.

Thursday, July 14 @ 7 p.m.