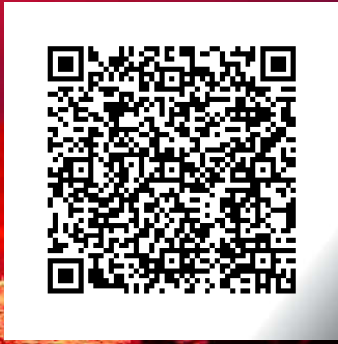


2023 Lake Isabella Fireworks are scheduled for dusk on Saturday, July 1st.

If you would like to make a donation to support the show, you can visit the Village Hall, or use the QR Code on this page to donate securely online.



The Village's brush dump is currently open at no charge, please take brush to the back pile, leaves and yard waste may be left in paper bags at the bins near the driveway, please no grass clippings.

The Planning Commission meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 PM

The Village Council meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 PM

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Lake Restoration Committee

Earlier this year, the Village and Lake Isabella Property Owners Association agreed to form a committee to continue creating a plan to restore the lake and river. This committee builds on the work started by the two organizations in 2021. Last fall, the community was presented with a ballot proposal to fund recreation improvements and lake restoration projects.

That proposal was narrowly defeated at last November's election. In reviewing the feedback offered to both organizations after the election, it was agreed to continue working together on a plan that solely focuses on lake and river restoration. Last fall, several community meetings were held to discuss the bond proposal on last November's ballot; feedback from those meetings helped form the basis of developing a plan to address the lake and river.

The committee formed by the two organizations has equal representation from the Village, LIPOA, and community members. This committee met several times during the winter and spring and has identified several projects that advance the goals of restoring the lake and river.

The most recent large-scale dredging activity occurred in the late 1990s before the Village was incorporated as a joint project between LIPOA and a private real estate developer to remove approximately 10,000 cubic feet of material from eight bays and coves along the lake's western shore.

The overall impact on water quality from continued sediment inflows from upstream and invasive aquatic species, such as Eurasian milfoil and zebra mussels, has reached a tipping point where the committee feels additional lake management measures are desired and needed.

The conceptual plan that the committee has prepared has identified major project areas for the river and the southeast corner of the lake. The committee also has recognized the need to dredge in areas around

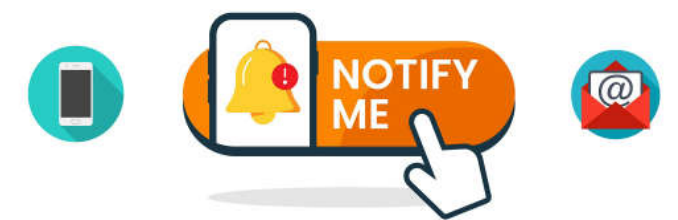
the boat launches. In addition to these areas, the committee has identified several bays and coves where work is needed.

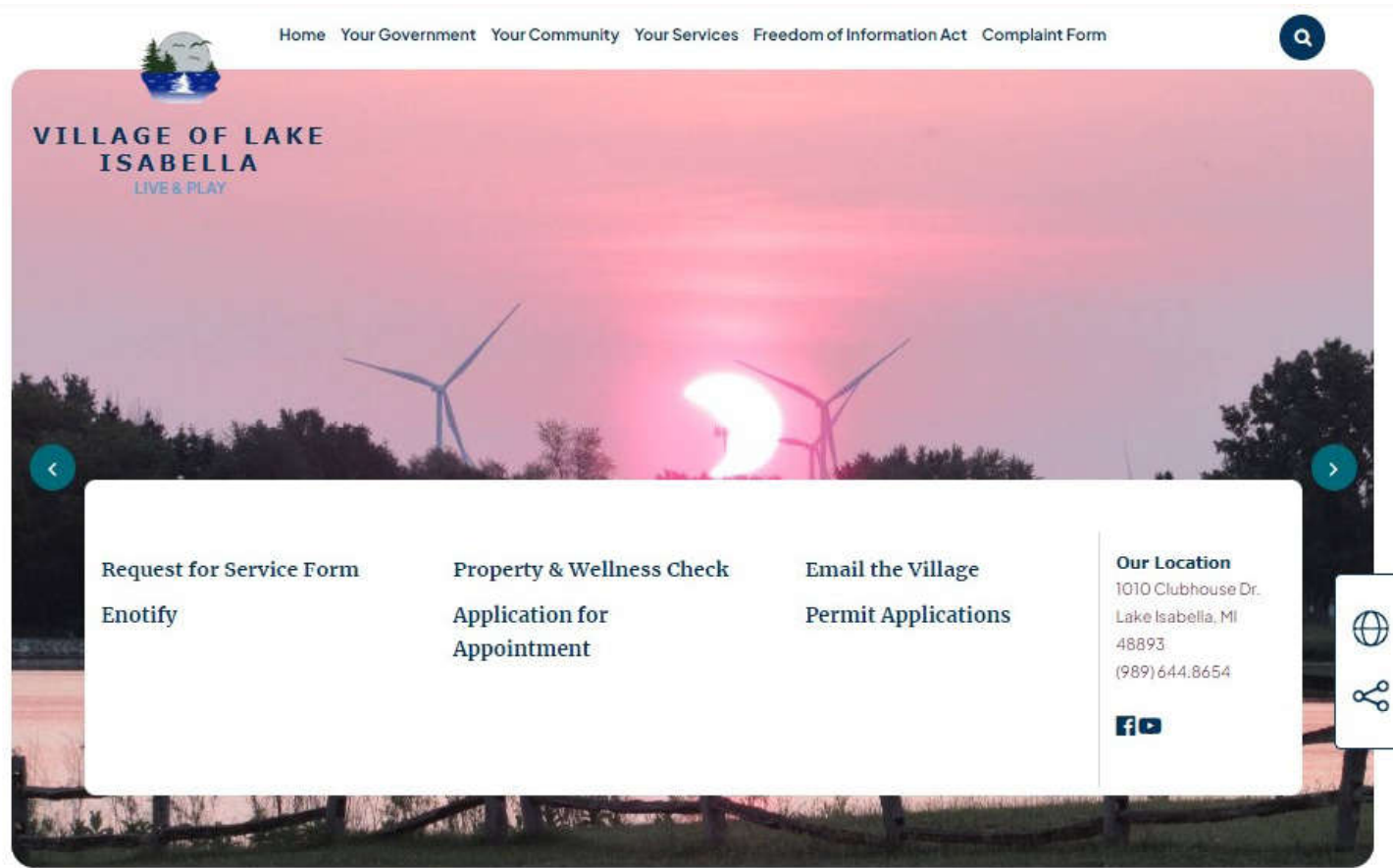
To date, part of the committee's work has been obtaining estimates and formulating an anticipated cost for the restoration efforts. In doing so, the committee also has begun necessary pre-permitting work by testing the sediment in both the river and the southeast corner of the lake.

In order to fund these projects, the Village has approved ballot language to hold a Special Election this August 8th. At this election, Lake Isabella voters will decide whether or not to fund this project, focusing only on lake and river improvements, via a dedicated millage.

Look for a newsletter in the coming weeks that will offer more details on the project, including a schedule of community meetings where you can come and get your questions answered by members of the committee. If you would like to review the work done to date by the committee, you can visit the "Meeting Minutes" page on our website. There you will find meeting minutes, packets, and recording of several of the meetings.

Likewise, as we move closer towards election day, be sure to visit the "2023 Election" page on our website. You can find that page under the "Your Government" heading at the top of the page. Be sure to sign-up for alerts through our website's Enotify option so you can get updated by text or email whenever updates are made to the 2023 Election page.





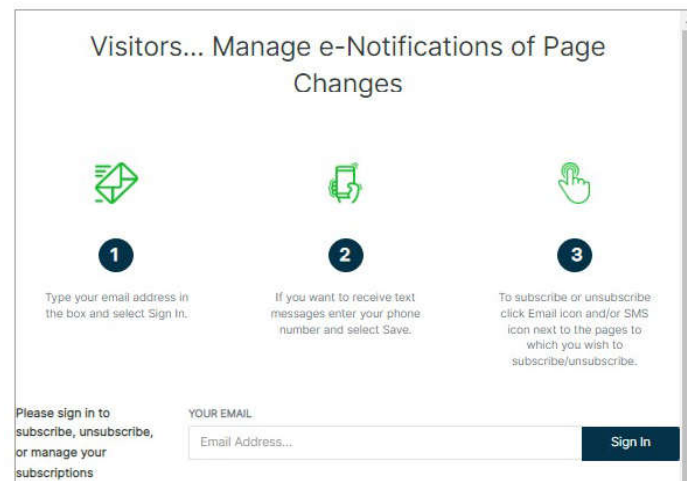
The Village has recently completed an overhaul of our website. The new site has all of the content of our previous site, but has added new features which will make it easier for you to engage with the Village and stay up to date on Village news and events.

One of these new features built into the site is our “**Enotify**” option. With this feature you can sign-up for email and text alerts when various parts of our site is updated. Things like meeting packets, minutes, and notices are all items that you sign-up to receive updates.

The site has several easy to use forms built into the site. Things like applying to serve on boards or committees, submitting a code enforcement complaint, or signing-up for property checks if you are away are all features that can be easily completed on any device.

In addition to our updated website, you can always follow us on social media. The Village maintains a presence on Facebook and YouTube. Both of which are linked from our homepage. Our YouTube channel is one of the places where you can watch recordings of any meeting that you may have missed.

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Lake Isabella Wall of Honor

In 2022 the Village Council approved the addition of several individuals to the Lake Isabella Wall of Honor. The Wall of Honor was a program developed by the Village in 2013 to recognize individuals and groups that have made significant contributions to the community. The Wall of Honor celebrates the contributions made to either the Village or LIPOA.

Those honored by the Council this past fall are the following individuals:

Jackie Adkins (Charter Commission Member, Village Council Member 1998 – 2006 including Village President 2000 – 2004)

George Dunn (Planning Commission Member 2000 – 2002 & 2012 – 2017, Village Council Member 2002 – 2008, including Village President 2004 – 2008)

Dave McGrath (LIPOA Board Member, Planning Commission Member 2010 – 2022, including Chair 2013 – 2022)

Ed Spayd (LIPOA Manager, Village Manager 1998 - 2002)

Arnie Griffin (LIPOA Board Member & President, Village Council Member 2004 – 2019)

Leo Gatehouse – Leo was a driving force behind the creation of the community. Working with the Grigg brothers, his involvement and vision is what led to there being a Lake Isabella.

This group of individuals joins the first class of inductees from 2014. That group included Bill Dunham, Dan Grisdale, Ken Torgerson, the first LIPOA Board of Directors, the Committee for Lake Isabella Village Incorporation (CLIVI), and the original Charter Commission. If you know a community member that you feel deserves to be recognized for their contributions, please stop by the Village Hall to learn more about how you can nominate them.

Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement is a service provided by the Village of Lake Isabella through our Department of Community Development. The primary purpose of this service is to educate and enforce the ordinances of the Village of Lake Isabella. The primary focus of Lake Isabella’s efforts are on blight and zoning matters. By educating and enforcing the Village’s ordinances the Village is able to maintain property values while protecting the public’s health and well-being.

An additional area the code enforcement staff frequently address are animal control issues. Depending on the issue these matters may be handled by Isabella County’s Animal Control Department or the Village. The Village does not catch stray animals, and usually must witness a violation before initiating a case.

In addition to the ordinances of the Village of Lake Isabella, your property may also be subject to building & use restrictions which are administered by your property owners association. These are private covenants and not enforced by the Village of Lake Isabella.

The Village’s primary focus is to educate. Once a complaint has been processed and a violation documented, the Village will send the property owner or responsible party a “correction notice.” This notice will have information about the violation and will document what needs to be done in order to bring the property into compliance with the ordinance. It will also have the date by which this needs to occur by and the Village’s contact information.

If there are circumstances which prevent compliance by the date on the notice, individuals are encouraged to contact the Village so we can jointly come to a plan of action that meets both of our needs. The value of communication cannot be understated. Complaints may be submitted online by using the “**Complaint Form**” at the top of our homepage.

The Village of Lake Isabella is currently accepting applications from residents interested in serving on various committees. The following committees have terms open for an appointment:

- 2 – Three-year terms on the Planning Commission.
- 1 – Three-year term on the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- 1 – Three-year term on the Board of Ethics

Interested residents may apply online or at the Village Hall.