



The Vice President's Viewpoint

Special points of interest:

- Weed Control Update
- YMCA Swim Lessons
- Boaters Safety Class
- Dustin Robbins Fishing Contest
- High Water Issues on Pine lake
- 2009-10 PLA Membership Renewal Forms

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Most of us vote in National Elections, yet the regulations and ordinances that will affect us right where we live are made on the township and county level. The Prairieville Township Board has adopted several changes to the zoning ordinance and recently considered more sweeping amendments that would affect what you may store on your property, what repairs you can make to your property, limiting amount of firewood on property, and much more. While I personally have very strong opinions on these proposed changes, this is

not an editorial, so I'll keep that for another time. I encourage you to inform yourself about possible changes and let the township officials know what you want in your township. I am told by Jill Owens, our Clerk, that the Board mostly hears complaints; they would also like to know what you do want. The township phone number is 269-623-2664, website with contact information is www.prairievilletwp-mi.org. Hours are Monday - Thursday 9- 5, 10115 S. Norris Road, Prairieville. The *mailing address is 10115 S. Norris Road, Delton, MI*

49046. Township Board meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The best way to have input: contact the Supervisor and Board members by the email links on their website or call them at the township.

For those of you in Gun Plain township, your township office is located at 381-8th Street, Plainwell, MI 49080. Office phone is 269-685-9471. Hours Monday-Thursday, 8:30-4:30. Web address www.gunplain.org There is a PO Box along with the street address: P.O. Box 146.

It's your government - let it work for you!

-Lana Langone
PLA Vice President

YMCA Swim Lessons at Pine Lake

The Pine Lake Association and the YMCA of Barry County are offering swim lessons at Pine Lake at MCTI, with the use of their 90 degree pool and sandy beach for the lessons. Class sizes are limited to 6 students per class for younger aged students and 8 for older aged students. Classes are scheduled in 30-minute sessions. Weather and water temperature permitting, some sessions may be held in the lake. Instructors will inform students in advance of these classes. Classes are formed based on registrations. Every effort is

made to schedule classes for siblings as close together as possible. Registrations with payment should be received by May 22nd, 2009. Please make checks payable to YMCA of Barry County.

Open swim is available to families participating in swim lessons. Parents are responsible for their child's safety during open swim. Swimming aides will only be available while your child is in class, please bring an alternative if your child will be participating in open swim. *Open swim will not be available on the first day

of swim lessons.

Dates: June 8,9,10,11,15,16,17,18 (Mon-Thur. for 2 weeks)

Times: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Where: MCTI Indoor Pool, 11611 W Pine Lake Rd., Plainwell, MI

Cost: \$35.00 / child for 8 sessions (30 minute sessions)

Ages: Preschool: 3-5 years

Youth: 6-12 years

Teen 13-15 years

Registration: Pine Lake/YMCA Swim Lessons c/o Terri Gherardi 12786 4 Mile Rd, Plainwell, MI 49080 (269) 664-4381 or gherardi@mei.net

Please contact Terri Gherardi for registration forms.

Pine Lake Weed Control Program Update

In keeping with the Pine Lake Association By-Laws to promote understanding and appreciation of rights and responsibilities of riparian land owners and to promote programs that benefit the lake, the PLA has worked on the issue of an aquatic weed control program to control the growth of invasive Eurasian Milfoil in Pine Lake. Not to be confused with native lake weeds, Eurasian Milfoil is a Non-native, invasive nuisance weed that has infested many areas of Pine Lake, crowding out native species and causing problems for boaters, swimmers and others using our lake.

At this time; here is the current status of this issue:

~The PLA effort to collect enough petition signatures to allow the Township to go forward on establishing a Special Assessment District to fund a Eurasian Milfoil treatment project came to an end in September 2008.

~While about 66% of "individual" Pine Lake residents have signed in favor of the treatment (and subsequent assessment), the PLA did not collect enough signatures to proceed, in other words, the required "more than 50% of signatures based on land mass".

~Therefore, the Prairieville Township Board has decided they can not move forward to establish the Special Assessment District (to pay for Eurasian Milfoil Treatment) unless they receive the appropriate number of signatures, representing over 50% of land mass.

The PLA has explored several alternatives to accomplish the Eurasian Milfoil Weed Treatment program for the following reasons:

1. The majority of Pine Lake Riparians

support the Eurasian Milfoil weed treatment program.

2. All published information on Eurasian Milfoil indicates it will continue to spread.

3. As of fall of 2008, the Eurasian Milfoil was worse than the previous year and many areas of Pine Lake were choked with Eurasian Milfoil, causing problems for boaters, swimmers and use of docks.

4. Concern for individual residents treating the Eurasian Milfoil, without properly identifying the native species (Northern Milfoil) from non-native species. There are other concerns as well some of which are: Overuse of chemical (either by volume or frequency), non-compliance with proper labeling instructions, use of chemicals without permits, inability of PLA and lake riparians to know for sure what is being used in the lake, resulting in possible danger to humans, pets and plants.

Shawn Diebold, President of the Pine Lake Assn; along with Officers of Crooked Lake Assn and Wall Lake Assn., has worked with our State Representative, Brian Calley who has drafted suggested wording changes to the State Statute, Public Act 188 of 1954. The goal of changing this state statute is to adjust the statute and petition process toward an effort to make special assessment districts, set up for public improvements (shared by many) would be decided in a more "fair" manner, with each resident having an equal say, as opposed to the current structure, which is based on amount of land mass being weighted more significantly than some others. In other words, simply stated: Each parcel has ONE vote, all weighted equally. The Prairieville Township Board has

indicated they would be willing to revisit the need and desirability of a special assessment district for Eurasian Milfoil weed control, if the state statute changed.

Important points to remember:

The Township would be in charge of hiring contractors, overseeing administration of treatment and setting the cost and assessment to homeowners.

The Pine Lake Association has worked within the mandate of the By-Laws and has ascertained that the majority does wish the Township to proceed if possible. No further efforts by the PLA are planned at this time. All concerned Pine Lake riparians should contact the Township Board directly on this issue in the future. The township attorney, Ken Sparks is reviewing the proposed legislation and should the legislation become law, it would be up to the township to act on it's own accord unless another petition is presented with enough signatures to restart the process.

This should bring everyone up to date on the Eurasian Milfoil weed treatment issue. Assuming no treatment would occur this year (2009), please be reminded: If you decide to treat your shoreline for Eurasian Milfoil, please do so responsibly. Your neighbors are unable to control what you put in the water we all share, so please obtain the proper permits and use proper handling and labeling instructions on chemicals. With the high water level this year, we may see Eurasian Milfoil in different areas than before, or possibly less or more? Please try to avoid shredding and spreading milfoil with your boat prop. Very small areas can be pulled by hand but **be sure you get the root, the stem and all parts of the plant.** Even a small portion of Eurasian milfoil can float away, fall to the lake bottom and re-root, causing a new bed. Hand pulling or cutting with lake rakes, except in very limited

Weed Control Update Cont'd.

areas - IS NOT RECOMMENDED! Always carefully inspect and thoroughly wash any boats which launch into Pine Lake from off our lake. To date, we have not seen Zebra Mussels, another devastating invasive with drastic consequences, but Gull Lake is very infested, as are many other popular lakes. If you need more information, please attend a PLA meeting or contact us or the DEQ/DNR.

Finally, we believe all lake residents want what is best for our lake and take their responsibility

to be good stewards of this beautiful natural resource very seriously.

Due to time and job constraints, the current Association President Shawn Diebold will not run for re-election in June, 2009, however, will volunteer in other capacities. Lana Langone will also not continue as Vice-President after June. If you would like to make a difference please consider running for office and call the Chairman of the nominating committee: Ken Craft at (269) 664-4913.

The PLA can only continue to do all the good work they do for our lake with volunteers willing to take a turn.

Our Association believes that all residents want what is best for our lake and take their responsibility to be good stewards of this beautiful resource very seriously.

Got Water?



Not that long ago some of the Pine Lake residents were asking "When can we turn on the pumps?". It did look like we were running out of water but after this long winter and some torrential rains most of us have the opposite concern.

- Did you know that Pine Lake is a spring fed lake with no inlet or outlet?
- Did you know that the springs go through periods of inactivity or slowed activity?
- Did you hear the ice moaning and groaning as if a dinosaur were in your yard, or whales were mating this winter? Long time residents attribute that to the increased activity of the underground springs.
- Did you know that only a few 90 degree summer days can evaporate the lake water substantially?
- Did you know that the court ruled against a proposed drain several years ago?

During the last high water level several homeowners proposed a drain into the Gun River. There were several problems with that – the first being the extremely high expense. Second was the protection of the Gun River. At that time the court ruled against a drain being constructed. Your best bet in dealing with high water is to build or reinforce your seawall. There are contractors who will put in a seawall which is better than the "olden days" when you pretty much had to do it yourself. Please observe the law and obtain the proper permits. Be sure you have water running away from the foundation of your home. Keep gutters and downspouts clear. Have a contractor advise you regarding a sump pump or other possible remedies for your water problems. Remember these water levels are cyclical and someday you'll be wondering again, "Where's all the water?"

As a footnote: Prairieville Township does not participate in the government flood insurance program and you may already know that homeowner policies do not cover against flooding. If this is of interest to you let your township officials know your concerns!

BOATER SAFETY CLASS

A Boater's Safety Course, open to the public, is offered on the last Saturday of June at Shady Shores Resort on Gun Lake. The resort is located on Patterson Road 1.3 miles south of M-179, and across the street from Premier Motors. There is no charge for the class and many adults take the class with younger individuals. Many residents may not be familiar with all of the legal boating rules, which are included below. Please read them carefully paying especially close attention to those marked with an ** which apply to adults. Pre-Registration is NOT required.

What: Boater's Safety Course to obtain Boater's Safety Certificate

When: Saturday, June 27 from 9:00 am.—3:00 pm.

Where: Shady Shores Resort on Gun Lake

What to bring: A pencil and sack lunch (or students may go out during the hour lunch period)

DUPLICATE SAFETY EDUCATION CERTIFICATE REQUEST

If you have previously completed a Michigan Marine Safety Education Course, and your original certificate has been lost or misplaced, please fill out and submit the form, available by logging onto www.barrysheriff.com and clicking "Safety Classes." You may also apply for a duplicate certificate by phone or mail. There will be no charge for this service. To apply by phone, call (517) 373-3292.

~ Who May Legally Operate Boat or PWC? ~ ~ As of January 1, 1999 ~

Boaters under 16 years of age must meet certain requirements before they can legally operate a boat or PWC with a

These requirements are:

** If a person is at least 14 years old or born after December 31, 1978, he or she must possess a boating safety certificate to operate a personal watercraft, and the boating safety certificate must be carried and presented upon the demand of a peace officer.

Persons 12, but less than 14, years of age can operate a PWC if all of the following are met:

** The person operating must have a boating safety certificate.

** **The parent or legal guardian must also have a boating safety certificate.**

** The parent or legal guardian must accompany the child on the PWC.

** The lanyard cut-off switch must be attached to the parent or legal guardian

Who may Legally Operate a Boat or PWC?

~As of January 1, 1999

- Persons 12 years of age—must be directly supervised by someone 16 years old or older. The boat must not have a motor power totaling more than 35 horsepower.
- Persons 12 to 16 years of age—must possess a boating safety course certificate or be directly supervised by someone at least 16 years of age.

Highlights of the October 18, 2008 and February 19, 2009 PLA Meetings

(Please see the PLA web site at www.pinelk.org for detailed minutes of all meetings)

October 18, 2008 Highlights

- + Newsletter Committee needs help with advertising and mailing
- + Buoy Committee needs volunteers for summer of 2009
- + Review of July 4, 2009 Activities
- + Weed Control Update
- + New PLA Directory – Volunteers needed
- + Tax Assessment for pump repairs
- + PLA Street Signs

February 19, 2009 Highlights

- + Funding for PLA activities for 2009-10
- + Buoy Report for Summer 2009
- + Webmaster Report
- + 4th of July schedule and Activities
 - Fireworks - July 3
 - Races – July 4
 - Boat Scavenger Hunt – July 5
- + PLA Newsletter Schedule
- + PLA Street and Lake Signs

There are many opportunities to volunteer and become involved in the Pine Lake Association. Please consider this as you plan your own activities for 2009-10. Our next meeting will be **Thursday April 16th, at 7:00 p.m.** at MCTI. Our annual membership meeting will be **Saturday, June 20th at 9:00 am.** at MCTI, where residents may speak with PLA Officers and Board members, vote for new officers, and learn more about our activities and volunteer opportunities.

**Fishing Age Categories:**

- 1-7 years
- 8-12 years
- 13-16 years
- 17—Adult

Note: Limited number of fishing boats will be available for children.

Contest Details:

- Biggest fish in each age group will win trophy/gift certificate
- Casting contest
- Fishing Trivia Questions/Name that Fish
- Participant ribbons for the youth

Dustin Robbins Fishing Contest

Where: MCTI
When: Saturday, June 6 from 8 m—1 pm
Schedule: 8:00—9:00 Registration
 9:00—12:00 Fishing
 12:15—12:30 Announcement of Prizes
 12:30—End Lunch

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Donation: A \$10.00 donation will be accepted for each fishing participant. All proceeds support: Lighthouse on the Lake

Dustin's family would like to bring awareness, understanding, and compassion to people who suffer from mental health issues. Fishing was Dustin's refuge and source of freedom from a debilitating anxiety disorder. Dustin, age 22 left this earthly life fishing on Gun Lake—January 3, 2007.

Thumbs Up for Mental Health
 Awareness!
 Questions: Call Kelly Williston
 623-6205

Your PLA Board - Working for you!!

All PLA Officers and Board Members are listed on our Web Site at www.pinelk.org
 To volunteer to help with any PLA activities, please contact pla-board@pinelk.org

President: Shawn Diebold
 Vice President: Lana Langone
 Secretary: Jaci Dalke
 Treasurer: Dianne DeYoung
 Sergeant at Arms: Ed Kornetti

Directors: Phil McKenzie, Doug DeYoung, Dave Riegel,
 Larry Wodell, Tom Tarleton, Lars Svendsen,
 David Briggs, Eric and Sara Hibma, John
 Block, and Kevin Cooney
 Newsletter Editor: Barbara Mumma
 Webmaster: Ted DeVries

Mark Your Calendars - Annual Pine Lake Garage Sale Friday, June 26 - Saturday, June 27

It's time to start cleaning out those basements and garages and get ready for the annual Pine Lake Garage Sale. This fun, community wide event brings many visitors to our beautiful lake and provides residents an opportunity to meet their neighbors and friends around the lake as we all clear out our unwanted, gently used items. Sale entry fees of \$5, Pine Lake apparel at the PLA booth, and 4th of July raffle tickets help us provide the many family activities that our association sponsors for the 4th of July. Don't miss this great opportunity to join in the fun!

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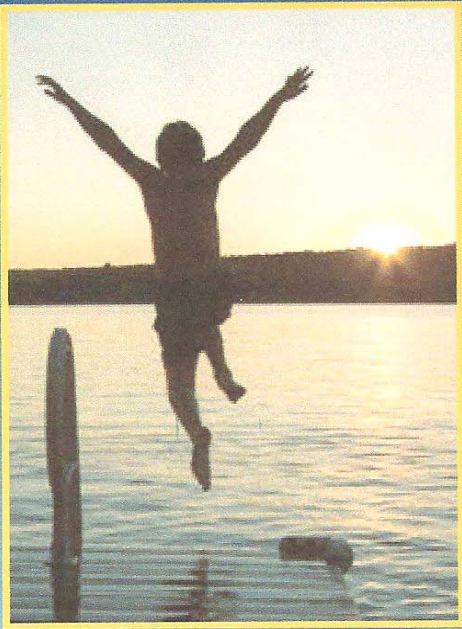
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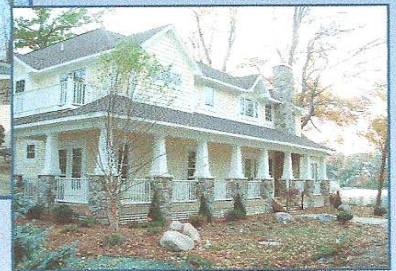
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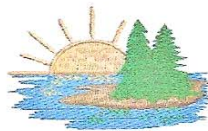
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3) Beef & Onion	4.50	8.50	14) Ham	4.50	8.50
4) Beef & Bacon	4.50	8.50	15) B.B.Q Chicken	4.50	8.50
5) Grilled Chicken Breast	4.50	8.50	16) Meatball	4.50	8.50
6) Chicken & Mushroom	4.50	8.50	17) Philly Beef	4.95	9.55
7) Chicken & Bacon	4.50	8.50	18) Italian	4.95	9.55
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10) Turkey & Mushroom	4.50	8.50	21) Corned Beef	4.95	9.55
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PLA 2009-2010 Membership Drive

In an effort to continually increase our membership, we are requesting all current members to recruit one neighbor, friend, or relative on Pine Lake to join the PLA. If we each recruit one new member, we will double our membership! The information you supply will also be used to update our PLA Directory.

Pine Lake Association Membership Card & Directory Update

Names: _____ Dues: **\$25.00**
Lake Address: _____ Fireworks _____
Mailing Address: _____ Donation: _____
City: _____ Buoy Fund: _____
State & Zip _____ Weed Control _____
Lake Phone: _____ Survey: _____
Phone 2: _____ Total: _____
Email Address: _____

Residential Status: Seasonal _____ Year Around _____

Year First Moved on Lake: _____

Please check below if you do **not** want your personal information published in the new PLA Directory: _____

Please Make Checks to: **PLA**

Send Card and Check to:
Pine Lake Association
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Plainwell, MI 49080

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Contact PLA Board Members
Email: pla-board@pinelk.org



Pine Lake News

We're on the Web!
www.pinelk.org

Next PLA Meeting: April 16, 2009 7:00 p.m. @ MCTI Kellogg-Chapman Lodge

PLA Newsletter is Going Green!!

In an effort to conserve paper, volunteer hours, and cut costs, the PLA is offering members the option of receiving this newsletter via email. If you would like to receive your newsletter in this economical and environmentally friendly format, please email Lana Langone at joelanal@mei.net. Responses to our last newsletter sent via email were very positive. If you select this option, you will receive a .PDF/Adobe Acrobat file format.

We'd also like to know what special events or celebrations are taking place in your life, as well as your recipes, your ideas, and your helpful hints on lake living. There is **no charge** for announcements in Pine Lake Newsletter.

PLA meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. at MCTI in February, April, August, and October. Our annual membership meeting is held on the 3rd Saturday in June (20th) at 9:00 am. at MCTI. Please join us—you can make a difference in our lake community!

We welcome businesses to advertise in our newsletter. It is helpful to our residents to know what businesses and services are available to them. ***Paid advertising*** is available at the following rates:

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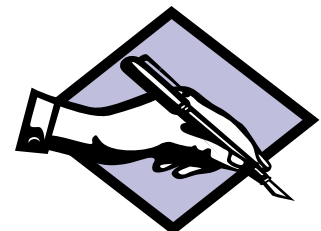
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We look forward to hearing from you!



We'd like to hear from you!