

PINE LAKE ASSOCIATION



Note from the editor: You will notice an absence of advertizing in this edition. We would like to apologize to our advertisers and to those that look forward to the information. Because of a cascading series of events including crashed computers, broken arms, lost time and lack of volunteers we were not able to solicit for this edition. We hope to be back on track for the next edition.

Staying in Touch with the Pine Lake Association.

There are many ways to find out what is going on at the lake. Our Official Web site <http://www.pinelk.org/> has many articles, current events, the calendar and great photos to look at.

If you are more of a Facebook kind of person, join us at: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/103027626401730/> This is a bit more current and interactive.

You may contact the Board by mailing us a Pine Lake Association PO Box 3, Plainwell, Mi 49080

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State of the Association

2013 marks 50 years for the Pine Lake Association (PLA). You may see the original charter online.

As we progress through 2013 we also reflect on 2012 and what we have done. We had many events and helpers as you will see reflected in this newsletter, however increased participation to drive our association as a whole is needed. We held regular meetings for members to get together and review our activity and hear ideas. The highest turn out in 2012 was under 20 people. Several meetings we had no more than one table of attendees. This is the single greatest opportunity we have in 2013, to increase involvement in managing our association. And we look forward to direction from you on how to make this happen. Any idea, small or large, is welcome. Your positive, creative, energizing input is needed!

Also, note that we post the minutes on the Pine Lake Association website for those unable to attend, and highlighted details are listed below:

Here are key facts and highlights as reported for 2012:

- Membership was 287 households
- Buoys put in and buoys taken out
- Fantastic fireworks display the 4th of July
- Halloween Party for the kids
- 1st all lake euchre challenge

Message from the Secretary

There were so many people leading events and I wish to acknowledge them with each event. So many more people are behind the scenes helping as well, and if I miss you, please know

you are appreciated and you make the PLA an involved and fun community.

An outstanding success in 2012 was the 4th of July fireworks. Thanks to Scott Cook for organizing the event.



The turtle races were a spectacular event. Nancy Robinson makes this event not only fun, but, a learning experience. The children racing the turtles learn that the turtle is a living creature to have fun with and return unharmed to its natural habitat. The large 6 foot turtle walking around at the event made a great picture opportunity for families to “capture” their child in the arms of a turtle

Garage sale was a great event the weekend before the 4th of July. This is a great way to “clean house” and interact with the community. Kathy Yarrow, thanks for heading this up. This

is going on again this year. This year June 21st and 22nd. The registration form is included in this newsletter. Registration gets you on the map and the fee goes toward advertising. Even if you chose to not register, it's a great weekend to put your stuff out.

Weed Control fact finding research was undertaken by Greg and Kathie Yarworth as to the extent of weed invasion and as to potential remedies. The result was communicated in large meetings at the Delton Kellogg High School and a decision was made to eradicate Eurasian milfoil invasive species starting this spring. You should have received a letter from PLM Lake and Management Corp as to the scheduling guidelines and a letter from Prairieville Township as to the costs you will see incorporated in your taxes this year. Greg and Kathie, thank you for taking the lead to help find solutions on this issue.

Kid's Halloween party, wow, for anyone who attended, you know how much fun the party was and how much work the team put into it.



Special kudos to Joreen Marrow and all those who worked with her, the pizza runners, the

spook house assemblers, the games and crafts coordinators, and the donation of the special smoke breathing giant monster.



What a wonderful day, and the entire event was cleaned up and monsters and coffins stored by 4:30 in the afternoon. If you missed it in the last years, do not miss this year.



Pig Roast

Our Pig Roast was a great success with over \$1,600 donated at the event for the Prairieville Fire Department.



Thanks go out to Dave Reigle and his team for putting together a menu and team to prep, set-up, serve and clean up. Great time, great music, great friendship!! As you may recall the 2011 Pig Roast donation funded Thermal Imaging Camera for the Prairieville Township Fire Department. This year they are going to purchase special rescue equipment.

All of these event dates for 2013 are on the calendar found in this newsletter and online. You are welcomed to attend them all and your support to be part of the events would be very much appreciated.

Buoy Activity



The buoys went in Memorial Day and out just after Labor Day. Please refer to the calendar for anticipated dates to do this again. We have 6 new buoys for this year that will replace some of those that have worn out or been destroyed.



(Proof of Work, Sgt.-At-Arms Ed Kornetti and President Scott Cook pulling buoys at the end of the season)

Fire Works Update is that we are going into our second year of funding our fireworks through our mail campaign. A few years ago a very generous donation from the Gray family raised the bar for the fireworks by almost doubling the amount of fireworks we shoot off at the 4th. By going to the mail campaign we have been able to keep our funding at a level as high or higher than the year of the Gray donation.



You may find these stickers on boats out here this year. If you donate to the fireworks fund, you will receive one in the mail. If you would like an addition sticker you can contact Don Haneckow and he will provide additional stickers for a “buck” a piece.



Message from the Fire Department

Thank you for the very generous donation to our Department. The Pig Roast was a lot of fun and delicious and the funds are being put to great use. The funds are being used to create a “Rapid Intervention Team” (RIT) kit. This is a package of special equipment that we will use at every fire to assist if a fire fighter gets trapped or otherwise needs assistance. The kit includes a high pressure bottle of self contained breathing air (SCBA), a replacement facemask, a high pressure hose to refill air bottle, and tools used to extricate a trapped person.

Last year the Fire Department responded to 190 calls for service in the Township with many of them being at Pine lake.

We would like to remind our neighbors that it is very important that you have noticeable numbers on your residence so we can find you. Putting your numbers on the mailbox alone or having them on your unattached garage may confuse us and cause a delay in getting help to you during critical events. A 3 inch number with a contrasting background color is recommended.

Be careful with your fires and your fireworks .

Again we thank you for your fantastic support and we hope you have a great summer at the lake

(Here is a little something back to us from Chief Garrison. He has a side business called Fire House Catering TX 806-9219. He has posted a recipe for his Fire House Burrito to our web site. I have had them and they are fantastic. editor)

Hey everyone! Got a basement, garage or attic full of STUFF? Want to make some money on it? Then join us for the . . .

ANNUAL PINE LAKE GARAGE SALES

Fri. June 21th 9-5, Sat. June 22th 9-3

Cost is \$5.00 for the event. Here's the "great" news . . . if you are a Pine Lake Association member, then the event is free!!!

Please fill out the application below and send it to Kathie Yarworth before Monday, June 17th in order for the location of your sale to go on the lake wide maps that will be handed out. Thanks, and have a great summer!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

\$5.00 check enclosed I am a PLA member

Please send to: Kathie Yarworth, 11727 Fords Pt. Plainwell, MI 49080

Another benefit of being a Pine Lake Association Member? Yes, you have free garage sale participation. You may register on line by sending Name, Address, and Phone to garagesale@pinelk.org

Treasurer Report

Keeping track of the funds:

General fund balance is	\$15,952.65
Fireworks Fund balance	\$12,443.21*
*\$8,000 earmarked for 2012 fireworks	
Buoy fund balance	\$ 2,482.64

Editorial

Ok, Here is my 2 cents worth.....

I believe that the Pine Lake Association has done and is doing fantastic things here at Pine Lake. The many projects and parties that we sponsor and work on make for an enjoyable life here at the lake.

That being said, I also note that in the minutes from the charter meeting of the Association 50 years ago there were 101 people in attendance at the first meeting. I do not believe that there have been a total of 100 people that have attended the meetings in the last 3 years.

Several of the Board members have indicated that they are going to resign at the end of their terms this June. A couple others are considering doing the same.

Although I may be biased since I am also on the Board, I think they have done very fine job navigating through the fireworks, the weeds, the shoals, and the ghosts. But it is time to hand the baton off to some fresh people.

We really need to have some folks to come forward and take over the leadership of this

organization. We are well funded, we have a large membership and we do things that impact the lake either as a quality of lake living or as a social event.

“Many hands make light work” is a saying that has been around forever. It applies to what we need to do here at the lake. For example: We all love the fireworks, and the turtle races and the music and the boat parade, and the DJ, and it goes on forever....but we need several people to help with our planning of these events. The planning and orchestrating of these events can be and should be fun. It has even been rumored that on occasion adult beverages and humor have been found at some of the planning meetings.

We need people with a vested interest in this lake to come forward and take over the leadership of the organization,; People with family out here, People that have family come out to enjoy our events, and people that just love living out here at the lake. Help by volunteering to assist on the various committees, help by showing up for work details, and help by becoming a Board member.

Don Haneckow

P.S Without participation we will be forced to disband.

Pine Lake Association Calendar of Events 2013-2014

<i>PLA Board Meeting</i>	<i>Thur. April 11 7pm</i>
<i>PLA Meeting</i>	<i>Thur. April 18 7pm</i>
<i>PLA Newsletter Out</i>	<i>April 30 target</i>
<i>Buoy Drop Day</i>	<i>Sat. May 18 - check the web</i>
<i>Fishing Tournament</i>	<i>TBD watch the web site and Facebook</i>
<i>PLA Board Meeting</i>	<i>Thur. June 6 7pm</i>
<i>PLA Annual Meeting and Vote Day</i>	<i>Sat. June 8 9am</i>
<i>Annual Garage Sale Weekend</i>	<i>Fri. - Sat. June 21 & 22</i>
<i>4th of July Events:</i>	
<i>Car Show at the Diner</i>	<i>TBD watch the web site and Facebook</i>
<i>Firework Display on Lake Two</i>	<i>Wed. July 3 at dark rain date Sat. July 6</i>
<i>Boat Parade</i>	<i>Thur. July 4 3pm start on Lake Four</i>
<i>Turtle Races</i>	<i>Thur. July 4 register 11am-noon/race to follow</i>
<i>PLA Meeting</i>	<i>Thur. August 15 7pm</i>
<i>Annual Pig Roast</i>	<i>August TBD</i>
<i>Buoy Pull-out Days</i>	<i>Sat. September 7 9am-noon</i>
<i>PLA Board Meeting</i>	<i>Thur. October 13 7pm</i>
<i>PLA Meeting</i>	<i>Thur. October 20 7pm</i>
<i>Children's Halloween Party</i>	<i>Sat. October 26 - set up 9am and party 1-3pm</i>
<i>Winter Fest</i>	<i>TBD tentatively February 2014</i>
<i>Easter Egg Hunt - NEW ADDITION</i>	<i>Sat. April 18 2014 1-3pm - location TBD</i>
<i>Your participation will make these the best events ever!!</i>	
<i>All dates are subject to change and additional Street/Block parties to be added.</i>	
<i>For further information regarding events go to pinelake.com</i>	

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Pine Lake Association Dues 2013-2014

Association Dues	\$25.00
Fireworks Fund Donation (\$25.00 recommended)	_____
Buoy Fund Donation (\$5.00 recommended)	_____
Other Donation (please specify) _____	_____
Total:	_____

Resident Name: _____

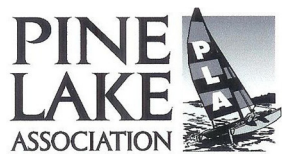
Lake Address: _____

Email Address (optional); _____

Phone: (optional): _____

Please return this invoice by May 25, 2013 with your check to
Pine Lake Association
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Thank you for your help in making our 2013 summer on the lake fantastic!



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