



Annual Newsletter May 2018 Edition

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Message from the President



Randy Klinger, Resident
since 2012

Since taking the “job” I can truly say it’s been Relatively quiet...and that’s a good thing! That being said, there are a few things worth noting.

First, a thank you to Nancy Whitney for her efforts spearheading the Aquatic Weed Control program. The program passed in January with unanimous support from the PLA Board and overwhelming support from Pine Lake residents. We are good to go for another seven years. Thanks go as well to all of the folks that helped in the gathering of signatures and those who signed the petition. Your support is appreciated.

I know we’re all looking forward to a beautiful summer on that lake and of course, our annual 4th of July festivities (see schedule of events inside the newsletter). Please remember that the fireworks are solely funded from your donations. You may want to consider “passing the hat” at your watching event and then passing the donations along to the PLA fireworks fund for next year. Please, if you can, try to help out so that we can keep this awesome tradition alive!

Another thank you to Nancy Robinson for continuing to manage and run the Turtle Races. We had another amazing event last year and look forward to 2018! Take a minute and look at the article/pictures inside. However...Nancy really needs some volunteers! So, if you have high school students looking for community service hours or just want to spend a little time with our amazing residents and their kids please let Nancy know you’re interested.

And, our year wouldn’t be complete without our spooky Halloween party held every October at the Prairieville Fire Station. Once again, Joanna Haneckow stepped up and made it great. Check out the little ghouls and goblins inside!

Lastly, I’d like to encourage everyone to join our Pine Lake Association and Members Facebook page. It’s a great way to stay informed and is free (to paid PLA members) and easy. Just request to join the group and we will verify you are a PLA member and accept your request. We do ask that you keep any comments positive and civil.

Thanks again to all of our awesome volunteers and residents. I look forward to a warm and fun-filled summer getting to know all of you!

Randy Klinger
PLA President

Contact info: PLAofficer@pinelk.org or join or post on the Pine Lake Association Members Facebook page.

If you are receiving this mailing, thank you for joining your neighbors in sending in your membership to support the Pine Lake Association.

The purpose of the PLA is to promote an understanding and appreciation of the rights and responsibilities of owners of riparian lands.

It helps maintain the natural resources and beauty of the area and also to work towards improving and developing programs to serve our lake community.



Treasurer's Update

We currently have \$29,257.97 in our accounts. We have a general fund account of \$13,902.84 which is just about perfect. Our

Fireworks Fund is at \$11,858.01, which is appropriate for this year's display, but we need to work on building up the fund for next year. The Buoy Fund is at \$3,497.12. It was discussed in the annual meeting that we may need to replace some of the current buoys that are in disrepair. The funds we have in place will be sufficient for our current needs.

Currently, there are approximately 660 properties on the lake with about 50% donating in some way to our Association. The association membership dues are the primary funding mechanism for all of the projects we are involved in, with the exception of the fireworks and buoys for which we solicit separate donations. This membership funding is required to support ongoing lake activities. The higher the membership and more donations given -- the more we can do for our lake community.!

NEW! Reduced Rate Launch Pass For Prairieville & Barry Township Lake Property Owners

Thanks to the efforts of D.C.L.A. members Bob & Sharon Ritchie, Phil & Sue DeYoung and Kathy Mutschler, the Prairieville Township Parks & Recreation Commission would like you to know that.....

Starting December 1, 2017, a new **REDUCED RATE PASS** for lake residents was made available! This 2018 "Spring In/Fall Out" pass will provide lakefront and backlot property owners **two** launch site uses for the reduced rate of **\$7.00** (Upper Crooked & Pine Lakes) and **\$10.00** (Gull Lake)!



Both Prairieville and Barry Township lakefront and backlot property owners may purchase passes during regular business hours at **Prairieville Township Hall** (Tuesday-Thursday, 9:00 am-12:00 pm & 1:00 pm-5:00 pm) by presenting **proof of lakefront or backlot ownership AND the current registration of each watercraft.** (Names on both documents must match.) Owners of multiple watercraft can purchase additional passes at the same reduced rate! **Plus**, the names of all persons who purchase the new reduced rate pass by May 28, 2018, will be entered in a random drawing. **Two winners** will each receive a free **2018 SEASON PASS** for unlimited use of **all** Prairieville Township launch sites! **And...**

2018 season passes for unlimited use at all Prairieville Township launch sites are again available for purchase at the **Prairieville Township Hall** during regular business hours (Tuesday-Thursday, 9:00 am-12:00 pm & 1:00 pm-5:00 pm or on line). Rates remain unchanged from last year! Annual season pass purchasers will also be entered in the random drawing! Happy Boating!

2017 Halloween Party

Article provided by Don Haneckow

It was a fantastic time. We'd like to thank the many sponsors and volunteers that helped with the creation of this annual event. Doster Store and Pine Lake Grocery once again donated pizza to feed the masses! We thank them for their continued support and hope you will patronize them. Prairieville Township and the Prairieville Fire Department allowed us to use the fire station on Lindsey Rd. again this year as well. The Thursday before the party we all gather at our house to assemble the goody bags. It's just as much a social event, so remember that for next year. Everyone is welcome and it's a lot of fun.

The morning of the party around 8:00 am the great fire station cleanout starts. Out go the trucks, up go the hoses and out back go the tools. Around 9:00 am the spook house, game room and craft areas are set up. Twine is strung, plastic is hung, props are placed, lights are lit and all looks great. Spider webs are everywhere! And, thanks to the Orangeville Fire Dept. we have a smoke machine to make everything look extra special. Volunteers from various high schools have agreed to help us with craft tables, face painting and spook house characters. We truly appreciate the help and it's also a great way to earn community service hours.

1:00 pm and BAM! Here come the kids. Various ghouls, goblins, cartoon and comic book characters swarm the fire station. Mayhem in a good way. Hesitantly, the first brave trick or treaters venture into the spook house. "Will it be scary? Will I get lost?" Only one way to find out. In they go alone or with a parent or friend and they all make it through. "Hey, that wasn't so bad...I want to go again...alone!" There's a constant din of laughter, chatter and screeches from the kids. It's awesome. And just like that, it's over. Shut the doors, tear it down and pack it up. Pull the door closed. Very quiet...until next year.

I want to thank all of the fantastic volunteers that help make this event happen every year. Without the help of many we could not make it happen. If you'd like to help with the 2018 Halloween event, please contact Joanna Haneckow at johaneckow@yahoo.com.

***Special Thanks to Don and Joanna Haneckow for spearheading this event. They bring joy and laughter to this community and we are so lucky they are willing to do this year after year.



Dear Pine Lake Association Members,



A beautiful day on the water can quickly turn into a life changing tragedy. Because many accidents are the result of a simple mistake or poor judgement, nearly all accidents are easily preventable.

- In the US during 2016, there were approximately 4,500 boating accidents. This includes almost 3,000 people that were injured and over 700 people who died as a result of these accidents.
- Compared to 2015, the number of accidents increased by 7.3%, injuries increased by 11% and deaths grew 12%.
- 8 out of every 10 boaters who were killed were using vessels less than 21' in length.
- Alcohol is the leading known contributing factor in fatal boating accidents.

By taking a safety course, you can reduce the chance of being involved in a dangerous boating emergency. The National Association of State Boating Law Administrators along with the U.S. Coast Guard are promoting the **Spring Aboard - Take a Boating Education Course** campaign. The National campaign runs from March 18 thru 24, 2018. On line boating education courses are being offered at reduced prices that week. The course offered by boat-ed.com is 50% off during the campaign dates. The Barry County Sheriff's Marine Division is holding its annual Boating Safety summer class free of charge the last weekend in June at Gun Lake. Please help us spread the word that Boating Safety Education saves lives.

Looking forward to seeing you soon,

The Barry County Sheriff's Office Marine Division



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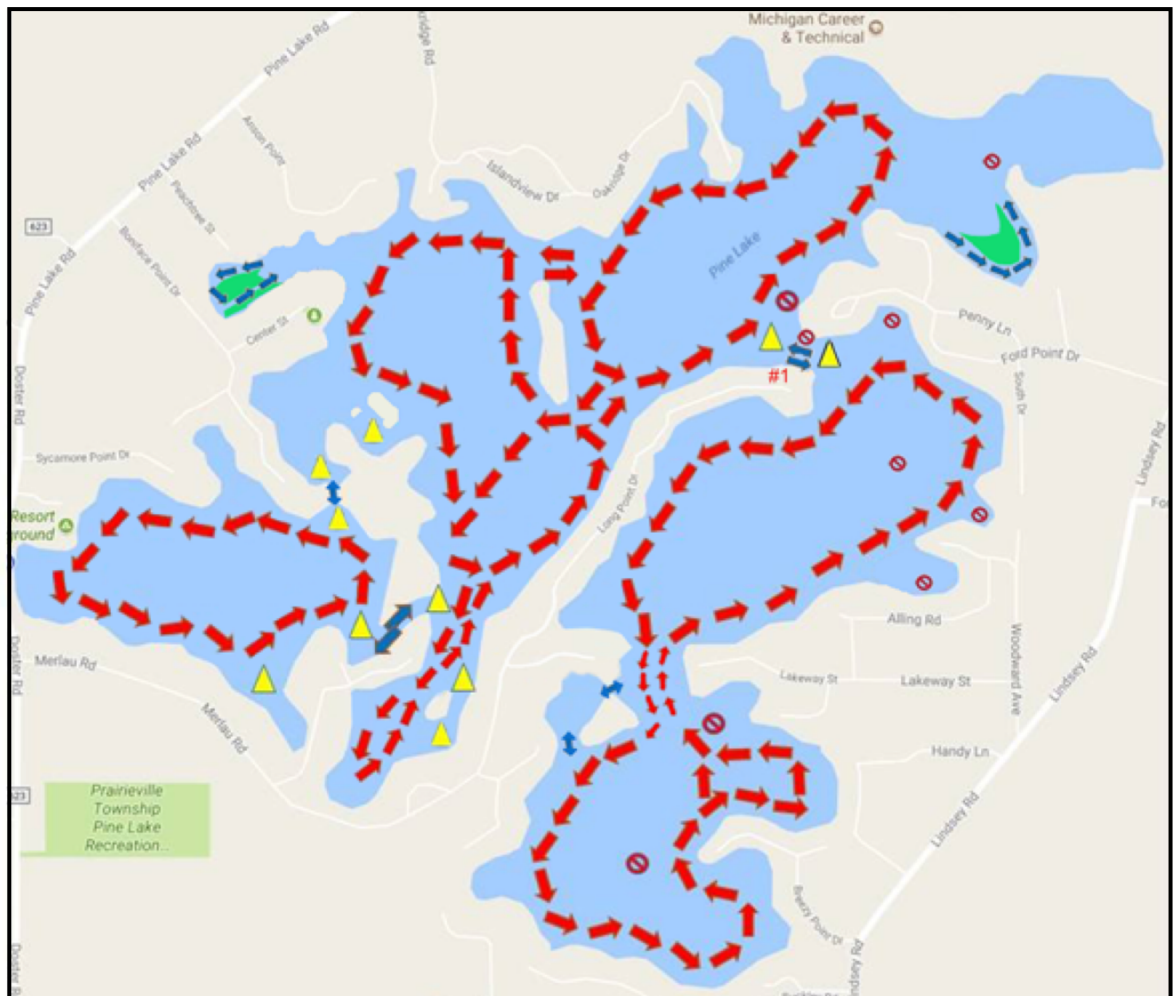


Springaboard.org

Pine Lake Boating Map

- ↑ All Boats Direction
- ↑ Channel. Idle only. No riders.
- ⊘ Hazard
- ▲ No Wake Zone. Idle only.
- ↔ 1 boat at a time

#1 The red buoys do not indicate adequate depth North side has many rocks stay as close as possible to the green buoys



This map is useful as it shows no wake zones, legal boating directions, etc. Should you have any concerns or questions, you can always contact Julie Jones at jjones@barrycounty.org.

**WE NEED
YOUR HELP**

You can help keep our favorite lake traditions alive and create new memories too. Please consider volunteering for a board position, committee or just even donate your time to your favorite event. Events like the Turtle Races & the Kid's Halloween party need volunteers. Just a few hours makes a big difference. And, it's a great way for high school kids to earn their community service hours too!



Weed Control Update

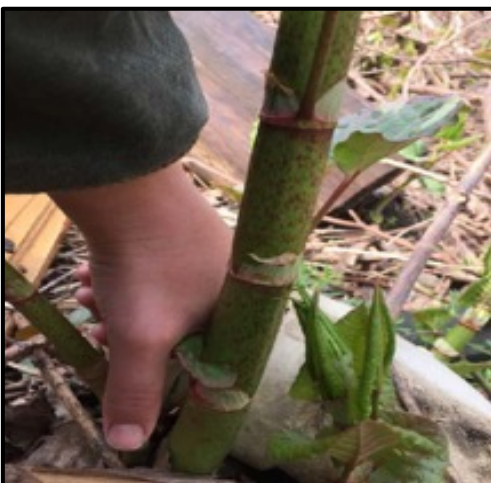
As Randy Klinger mentioned in his letter, the weed program passed this winter with much support from our community. As a reminder of how this program has helped the lake, we wanted to share a few pictures of Lake 2 and 3. In these pictures you can see how the Eurasian Millfoil (a non-native, invasive nuisance weed) was choking the lake, making it virtually unusable. It has been recently been brought to the PLA's attention that we have a new nuisance weed in our lake, Japanese Knotweed.

LEAST WANTED SPECIES: JAPANESE KNOTWEED!

Japanese knotweed is not your ordinary weed. It can aggressively take over, even after years of not looking like it is spreading much or causing a problem. It can destroy a house foundation, roads, sidewalks, and other infrastructure. It can cause property values to decrease. And it can spread easily and quickly, causing the same issues for the entire community. Lake shore waves can also cause this plant to fragment and spread across the water. It is very easy to accidentally make it worse by cutting, mowing, or treating with regular weed sprays. This aggressive invader species has been spotted on Pine Lake. PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY - CALL BCK CISMA Coordinator, Ryan Koziatek at 269.491.0488 today!

Don't risk making it worse; give us a call. Free education and treatment may be available.

www.michiganinvasives.org/bckcisma



Prairieville Township Fire Department Update:

I would like to thank the PLA for all the support you have given the Prairieville Township Fire Department throughout the years. We appreciate it! Our members are mostly local residents within our community that have dedicated their time to provide Fire and Emergency Medical Services to our community.

About 5 years ago the Township governing body made a decision to change our departments name from the "Prairieville Township, Pine Lake Fire Department" to just the "Prairieville Township Fire Department". This was done to show our department provides our services to the entire Township As a whole.

We have no intent of moving our location from the Pine Lake area. Two years ago, the Township had contracted out, and constructed two additional bays to our existing building. The addition was needed to provide adequate space for our expanding fire equipment needs.

To bring you up to date on our current activities, we are proud to announce that the Township has purchased a new fire pumper apparatus. This apparatus, as we speak, is being constructed with an estimated delivery date sometime late June or July 2018. This apparatus was carefully designed to provide our fire fighting needs now, and hopefully 20 years into the future. It will replace our 1994 pumper which has provided us with years of faithful service. Unfortunately, the fire service has changed dramatically from the time we purchased it and it no longer has the ability to carry the modern equipment we need to perform our job at fires. We will be keeping the apparatus as a draft apparatus to support our neighboring communities in time of need.

Stay Tuned! We will be having an open house this summer so our community can ask questions about our department's functions and have the opportunity to see our new addition and new fire apparatus, as well as many other changes in the equipment we carry now. We will inform you as soon as we select a date.

Currently our department has 15 active members. We are advertising to increase our membership. If you or someone you know that lives in the area that may be interested in becoming a member, please have them contact the Prairieville Township Hall, or better yet, stop in any Monday evening around 6pm at the fire station and meet one of our officers.

We would be more than happy to take the time to explain what it takes to become either a Firefighter or a Medical First Responder at Prairieville Township.

The State of Michigan requires certification to do these functions and our Township provides the financing for anyone they approve to join our department to obtain these certifications. We look forward to talking to anyone who has the desire to become a firefighter and serve their community!

On the fire prevention side, it has been a cold winter this year. The geographical outlay of our township, particularly around the lakes, makes it difficult for our emergency equipment to get in and out of areas around the lakes. Please take the time to keep your driveways/walkways cleaned of the snow and ice.

These avenues of egress provide extreme hazards to our emergency crews. Please check and make sure your address is adequately displayed and visible from the roadway. No visible addresses may cause critical delays. I know the summer is just beginning, but be proactive this winter! Have a reliable contractor inspect your furnaces for proper operation. Check the last time you changed your batteries in your Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors! Check your Fire Extinguisher(s) to see if they are fully charged and accessible! Any questions on these items feel free to contact us for help.

Once again, support your local Fire Department, when in need the life they save could be yours!

Richard Garrison, Fire Chief - PTFD



Boniface Point Cottage Fire, December 2017

Ski Course Update

As you know, after researching state rules, and obtaining PLA support, the Michigan DNR has granted a permit for a permanent ski course on Pine Lake. The course will once again be located in the north end of Lake 2 this summer. Everyone is welcome to use the course. Also, it is designed so that if a boat happens to run over it, there would be no issue with tangled ropes in props. There was lots of positive feedback on the course and it was great to see jet skiers taking advantage of it as well. When running the course, please try not to hit the buoys if possible, as they are designed to release and then need to be replaced. We hope the lake community enjoys this fun activity.



Kim Eldred, Pine Lake Resident since 1979

Ham & Swiss Buns Appetizer

Marinade:

- 2 sticks butter
- ¼ cup sweet onion, minced
- 2T poppy seeds
- ½t garlic powder
- 1T Worcestershire sauce
- 2T hot or spicy mustard
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- 1T chopped parsley



Sandwiches:

- 20-24 small Hawaiian rolls
- 24 slices of deli ham
- 24 thin slices Swiss cheese

Preparation:

Line 2 9x13 baking pans with non-stick foil or butter

Prepare marinade: sauté minced sweet onion in butter over low heat until onion is soft and translucent. Add poppy seeds, garlic powder, Worcestershire sauce, mustard and brown sugar. Stir until brown sugar is melted into the sauce. Remove from heat and stir in parsley. Set marinade aside.

Prepare sandwiches: Slice the buns in half, fold ham slices to fit the bottom of each bun. Repeat with swiss cheese slices, folding to fit buns. Replace bun tops. Place ham and cheese buns into prepared baking pans. Pour marinade evenly over both pans of buns. Cover tightly with foil. Refrigerate overnight.

Preheat oven to 350 F. Bake marinated buns covered for 25 minutes. Remove foil and bake an additional 10 minutes.

PINE LAKE TRIVIA CHALLENGE

1. How many species of fish are in Pine Lake?
2. What is the dominant species?
3. What was the largest fish caught on record?
4. What was the largest fish caught by the DNR for survey purposes...



1. 15; 2. Bluegill (43.7%); 3. 23" Large Mouth Bass; 4. 33" Pike

Have you lost or found a pet in the area?



Pine Lake residents have set up the "Pine Lake Area Pet Directory" page on FB to help you! Just post your lost or found pet...there have been many pets returned home successfully through this great tool!

Have a photo, recipe or update you'd like included in the newsletter? If so, contact Sandy Uridge at sandy.uridge@gmail.com.



Turtle Race 2018

I hope you're all looking forward to this year's Turtle Race. Last years was a fantastic success. This will be year number 18 for me! Anyone interested in volunteering to help with set up or tear down or judging, please let me know.

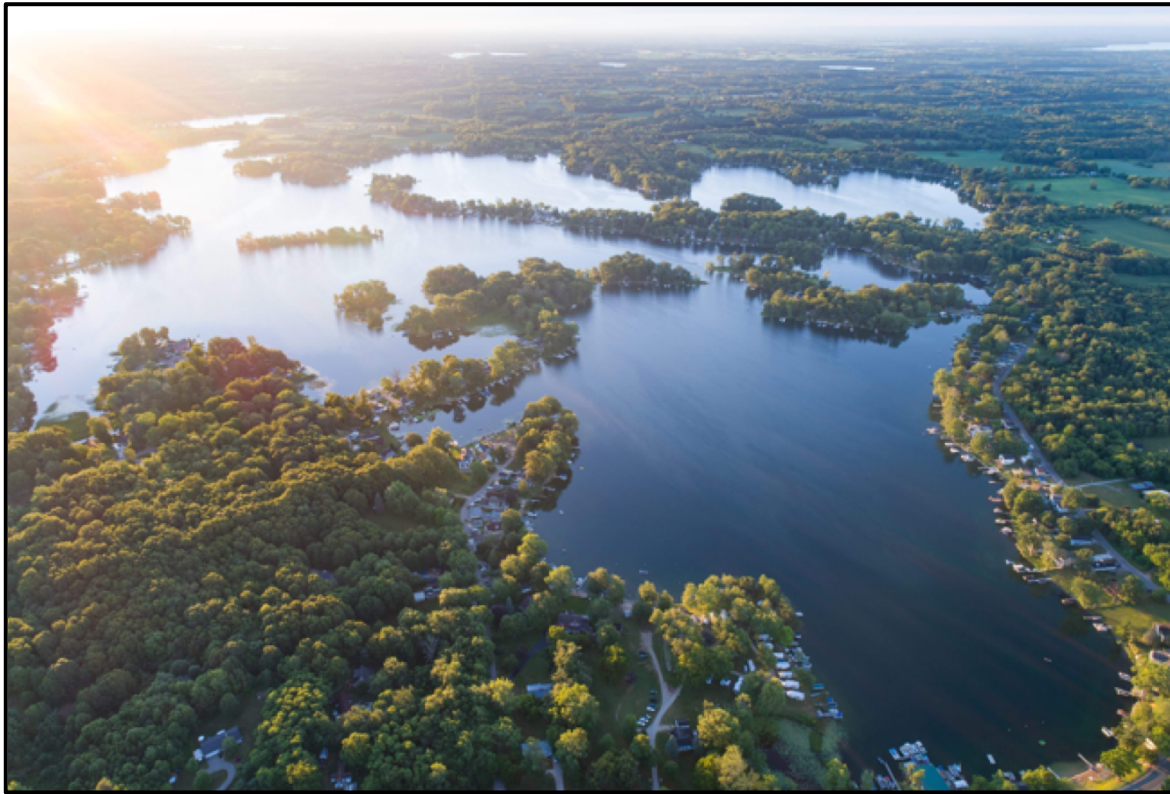
A few important racing details:

- Please no snapping turtles, and absolutely no box turtles (they're almost endangered)
- We provide numbers. Please **DO NOT PAINT ON YOUR TURTLE!**
- Rent a Turtle is \$5 and don't forget the new format is 10 turtles that get re-raced so everyone can race and we don't run out of turtles.
- Please buy a shirt, patch or collectible, these items help pay for the race each year.
- The prizes are furnished by Pine Lake Association (dues help pay for the prizes), we have over 50 prizes to give out and 5 grand prizes too!
- Take good care of your turtles and feed them. Text or call for questions on proper care for your turtles. Please make sure they have fresh water if you catch them a few days before the race. We don't want any participants being abused.

Any questions or if you're interested in volunteering, feel free to contact Nancy Robinson at: arffgirlazo@yahoo.com or [269-743-9248](tel:269-743-9248). See all you racers July 4th!



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Pine Lake Association 2018 Calendar of Events

Date/Location	Lead	Event
February Meeting	PLA Board	2-15-18 @ 7:00pm/MCTI Barn
Buoy Drop/Removal	PLA Board	Before Memorial Day/After Labor Day
Newsletter	Sandy Uridge	Month of May
Annual Mtg/Officer Election	President/Randy Klingner	6-2-18 @ 9:00 am/MCTI Cabin
Garage Sales	Kim England	6-29 & 6-30 Based on map locations
Fireworks 🎆	Brook Craft	7-3-18 @ dark/lake 2, MCTI (rain date 7-7-18)
Boat Parade	Lead Needed	7-4-18
Turtle Race ** Need Volunteers**	Nancy Robinson	7-4-18 11:00 am registration, Race @ noon/MCTI
Kids Halloween Party	Joanna Hanecow/ Nancy Green	10-27-18 set-up @ 9:00am, party 1-3pm Prairieville Township Fire Department