

Annual Newsletter May 2019 Edition

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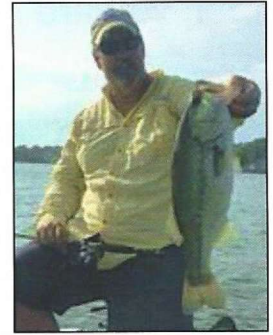
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Message from the President

With another great year in the books, we take a minute to reflect on our lake community. The year came in on a **high....serious high water** that is. The wet spring left many of us scrambling, as record high waters consumed beaches, basements, businesses and everything in between.



Randy Klinger,
Resident since 2012

So just how much water did/do we have? I am not sure of the “official” level but according to a credible, long-time lake resident, this year’s lake level was a record at 894.12 feet above sea level. That is almost 4 feet above the established low lake level of 890.5 feet. Now somewhere in the long ago past, it may have been higher, but that’s not really the point. The point is, the high water directly impacted each of us or our neighbors.

Pine lake covers 660 surface acres, plus another 20 acres of backwater. That means we are dealing with approximately 18.5 million gallons/per inch of water....That’s a lot of water! Combined with the coming snow melt and spring rains, the problem is not going away anytime soon.

The culverts leading to the backwaters have all been cleaned and inspected BUT the lake has no natural outlet. So, what can we do? While there is no immediate solution to the problem, we can all be good stewards of the lake and our lake community. Keep boat wakes to a minimum. Respect the no wake zones...maybe even give a little extra room beyond. Help a neighbor sandbag. Offer extra parking space to a neighbor with a flooded garage/driveway. These are just a few suggestions that can mean so much to those impacted the most.

Ah, boating season! Seems like the no wake buoys went in and just like that, it was the fourth of July. We had another great firework show and the annual turtle races were once again a huge hit with the young and old alike. The mid-summer weeds that choked out motors in years past were kept at bay thanks to the ongoing weed prevention/control program and the annual Halloween party was outstanding as usual.

These events and more were facilitated by the Pine Lake Association. This association is made up of a small board and only about 1/3 of the lake’s residents. Please thank the handful of residents that volunteer their time and efforts to make these events happen. There are still a small number of volunteer opportunities that remain unfilled! So PLEASE, consider joining the PLA.

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.

Prairieville Police Reminders



The department is offering seasonal house checks! If any lake resident would like their property checked by an officer we'd be happy to help. The property check form is available online, on the Township's Website and also through a form you can fill out at the Township Hall and at the Police Department. This service is not offered by many departments any more and we are proud to continue it in an effort to make our community feel more safe and secure.

While Summer is just around the corner, the winter tundra will be upon us in no time and we would like to remind all residents to please slow down on the icy snow packed roads in Prairieville Township. Last Winter we had an increase in motorists following too close for conditions and not being able to stop for hazards due to the reduced visibility and slippery road conditions. Please drive your vehicle with the headlights on even during the day. Blowing and drifting snow limits other motorist's ability to see your vehicle. Please ensure your vehicle battery is at a full charge and carry safety equipment like a blanket, water, flashlight and a L.E.D. flasher. If your vehicle becomes disabled call 911 and do not attempt to walk out in extreme/frigid conditions to seek help on foot. Stay in your vehicle and use your cell phone to call for help. If you're stuck or off the road, clear the snow or ice from the vehicle tail pipe or pipes if there are two exhaust ports. Have a safe and enjoyable Summer & Winter!



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Treasurer's Update

We currently have \$31,078.86 in our accounts. We have a general fund account of \$16,445.98 which is just about perfect. Our

Fireworks Fund is at \$10,965.76, which is a little under for this year's display, so we need to work on building up the fund so we can continue with the awesome displays we've gotten used to! The Buoy Fund is at \$3,667.12. 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 only 260 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!

Prairieville Township Fire Department

Once again, I would like to thank the Pine Lake Association for all the support you have given the Prairieville Township Fire Department throughout the years. We appreciate it!

To bring you up to date, we are proud to announce that our new truck, a Class "A" 1250 GPM pumper is now in service! This was a big investment for our township and well worth it. Along with the new truck we upgraded our firefighting and rescue capabilities by replacing the old hand lights, positive pressure exhaust fan, and vehicle extrication equipment with the most modern battery run equipment. The new truck replaces the 1994 pumper which we will be keeping in reserve to use as a back-up pumper when the new engine is out of service for maintenance and as a draft apparatus to support our neighboring communities in time of need.

Currently our department has 15 active members. Every year that passes we have shown a steady increase of calls for service, so we are continuing to advertise to increase our membership. This year the township has decided to allow applications for individuals who want to be just Medical First Responders only. If you or someone you know who lives in the area and 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 contact 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.

On the fire prevention side, inclement weather makes it difficult for our emergency equipment to get in and out of areas around the lakes. During the Winter months, please take the time to keep your driveways and walkways clear of the snow and ice and provide a visible address that is adequately displayed and visible from the roadway. No visible addresses may cause critical delays.

And be prepared when it starts to get cold. Have a reliable contractor inspect your furnace 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. If you have any questions feel free to ask!

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

Richard Garrison, Fire Chief - PTFD





Hello from Barry County Sheriff's Marine Division!

New laws were passed designed to protect Michigan Waterways from the spread of nuisance species and fish disease. Public Act 0451 of 2018, Sec. 41325, prohibits the transport and spreading of invasive species by requiring all boats being launched be free of plants and aquatic organisms. It further requires that the boat must remove drain plugs and drain all water from bilges, ballast tanks and live wells prior to leaving that lake area. Lastly it is illegal to release unused bait and fish caught in one body of water cannot be released in another unconnected body of water. Violation of this law is a Civil Infraction and \$100 fine. The complete law and reports supporting the law can be located at the links below.

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<http://mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2018-SB-1072>

https://www.michigan.gov/documents/dnr/Sec.41323_PA451_of_1994_-_Invasive_Species_Report_418648_7.pdf

While many of our lakes are already affected by the spread of nuisance species, we have not experienced the full effects of fish disease. Complying with the law will help prevent the introduction and spread of Aquatic Invasive Species.



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, Garage Sales & the Kid's Halloween party need volunteers and even leads. 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! 



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



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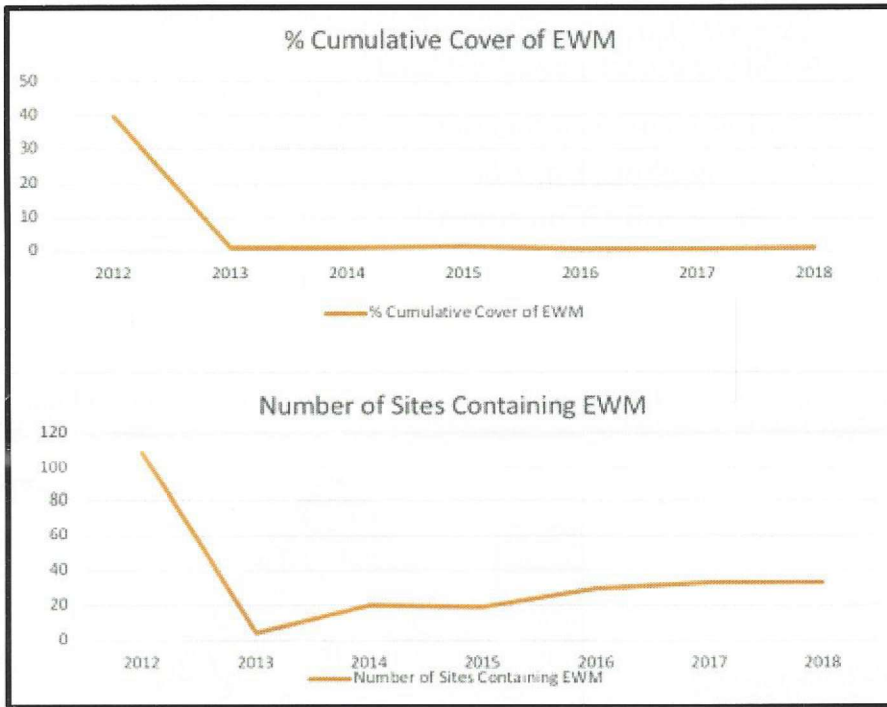
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2019 Pine Lake Management Update

The aquatic plant management program on Pine Lake is going very well. Actually, better than expected. Prior to the start of the management program, Pine Lake was experiencing a major problem with the exotic species Eurasian watermilfoil. In 2012, the percent cumulative cover of milfoil was ~40%, which is very high. In 2013, a whole lake treatment using Sonar A.S. was conducted with the goal of achieving a significant lake-wide reduction of milfoil and to bring it to a level where it could be managed with small-scale spot treatments. That treatment was successful and we have only had to perform spot treatments during the 2014-2018 seasons. Most lakes require a second Sonar A.S. application 3-5 years after the initial but Pine Lake is far from needing one. Typically, we need to see 15% cumulative cover of milfoil to recommend Sonar. Pine Lake has not surpassed 1% over the past 6 years. Below are some graphs illustrating the trends in both milfoil density and distribution over the past 7 years. Eurasian watermilfoil remains low due to treatments. Its distribution has increased slightly since 2014 but still only a fraction of the original distribution. The milfoil found in these sites is for the most part, not high density growth.



Eurasian Watermilfoil



Starry Stonewort



Going forward, we anticipate that spot treatments will be sufficient to keep Pine Lake's milfoil under control. In addition to milfoil, we also treat for the exotic species Curlyleaf pondweed and Starry stonewort. Curlyleaf pondweed is only present in a few specific spots and is not a major problem. Starry stonewort is a newer species to Pine Lake and has been popping up in different areas each year.



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Parks & Rec Update

You are invited to visit and explore seven (7) beautiful parks in your township. The parks all have unique things to offer. Fishing, softball, walking trails, swimming, picnic areas, play areas and places for you to bring groups for gatherings. Parks are open 6:00 am to 11:00 pm 365 days a year. The parks commission encourages you to visit often, make sure you don't trespass on adjacent properties and follow the guidelines posted at each site listed below.

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|---|------------------------------------|
| Center Street Park 10732 Center Street Plainwell, MI 49080 | Parking Fee |
| Gull Lake Park 15457 M43 Hwy. Hickory Corners, MI. 49060 | Entry Fee |
| Lower Crooked Lake Park 13000Norris Rd. Plainwell, MI 49080 | Parking Fee |
| Upper Crooked Lake Park 7317 Delton Rd. Delton, MI 49046 | Parking Fee & Boat Wash Station |



Pine Lake area has new walking trails & playground equipment!



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| Municipal Park S. Norris Rd. Delton, MI 49046 |
| Parker Road Park Parker Rd. Delton, MI 49046 |
| Pine Lake Recreation Area 11481 Doster Rd. Plainwell, MI 49080 |

If you want further information about your parks you may attend the Parks & Recreation Commission meetings at 6:30 pm the last Monday of each month or checkout the website at parks@prairievilletwp-mi.org.

Joanna Haneckow,
Parks & Recreation Committee Treasurer



Halloween 2018

Submitted by Donald Haneckow, Halloween Party Ghoulmaster



Once again, the Pine Lake party elves came together to provide a spooky, fun and tasty time for all of our little trick or treaters. On October 27th, the fire trucks disappeared, and a spook house complete with scary music, fiery pit of despair, rising fog and goblins came to life!



From 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm the party provided stations for the favorite toss games, photo ops, musical mats and amazing face painting. In the treat area donuts, from Gull Meadow Farms, pizza from Pine Lake Grocery and Doster Store and goodie bags were all a part of the fun.



The list of volunteers is too long to include everyone but included local high schoolers, firemen, moms, dads and lots of amazing talent from around the lake. It was a rewarding experience to be a part of the planning, putting together treat bags, doing set-up and staffing all the stations. Put it on your calendar for this year to do treat bag prep on October 23rd and be a part of the party to set up and attend on October 26th. As you can see in the pictures, the fun and feeling of community is simply amazing!



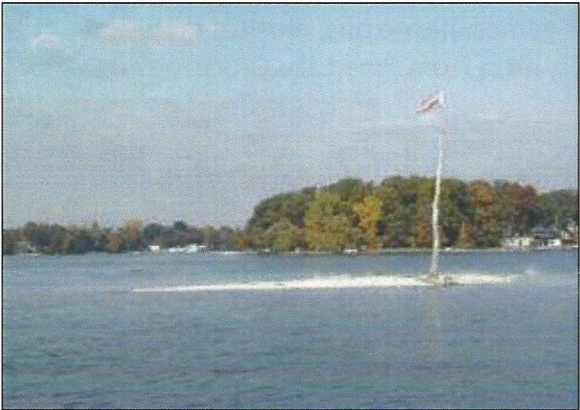
Thank you to everyone that helped make 2018 the highest in attendance and most fun ever! If you'd like to volunteer this year, please contact Joanna at johaneckow@yahoo.com.

A special heartfelt thank you to Don & Joanna Haneckow for yet another year of hard work to pull off this amazing community event!



Pine Lake's Own Atlantis

What used to be our lake community gathering place has disappeared beneath the waves. Many of you remember it as P-Island (not Pea Island or even Pee Island). Once there were trees, bushes and grass. Many people talk of camping on the island and one point. Now the only thing left is a lonely American Flag flying over a shallow area of Lake #4. The first picture below is from the early 1980's.



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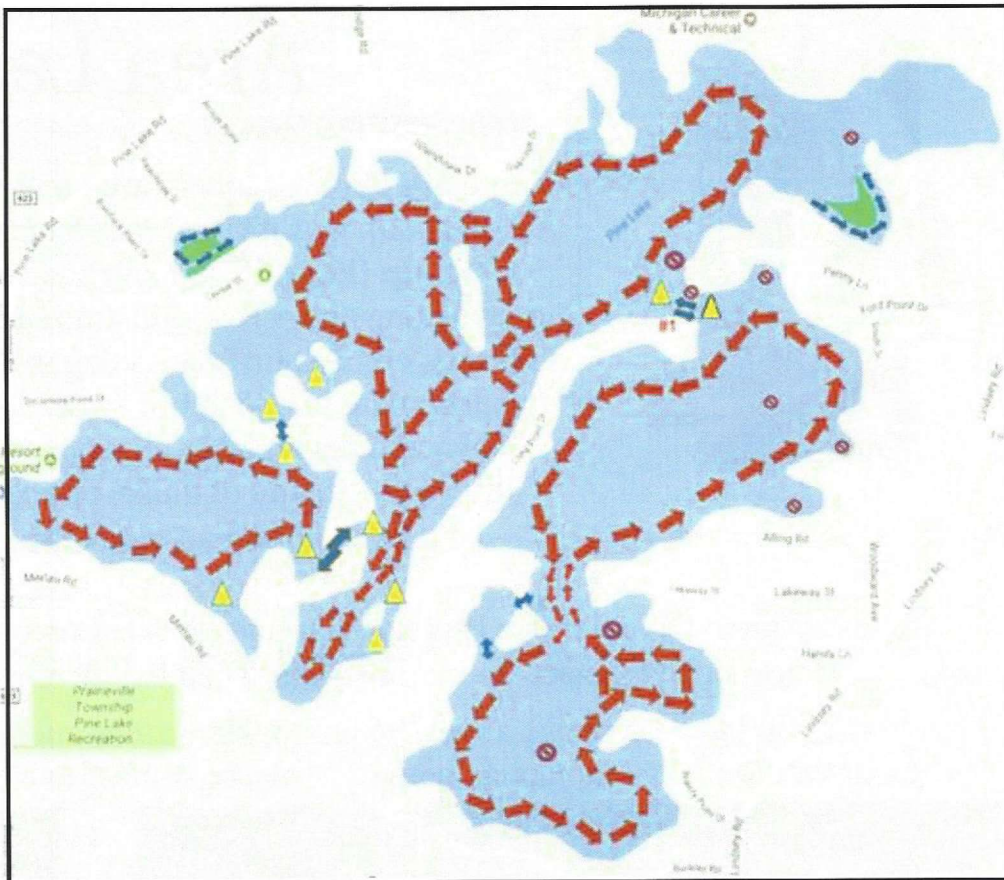
Free for kids in Plainwell School District. Auditions August 5th

PlainwellArtsCouncil.com
for info and application
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Pine Lake Boating Map

-  All Boats Direction
-  Channel, Idle only. No riders.
-  Hazard
-  No Wake Zone, Idle only.
-  1 boat at a time

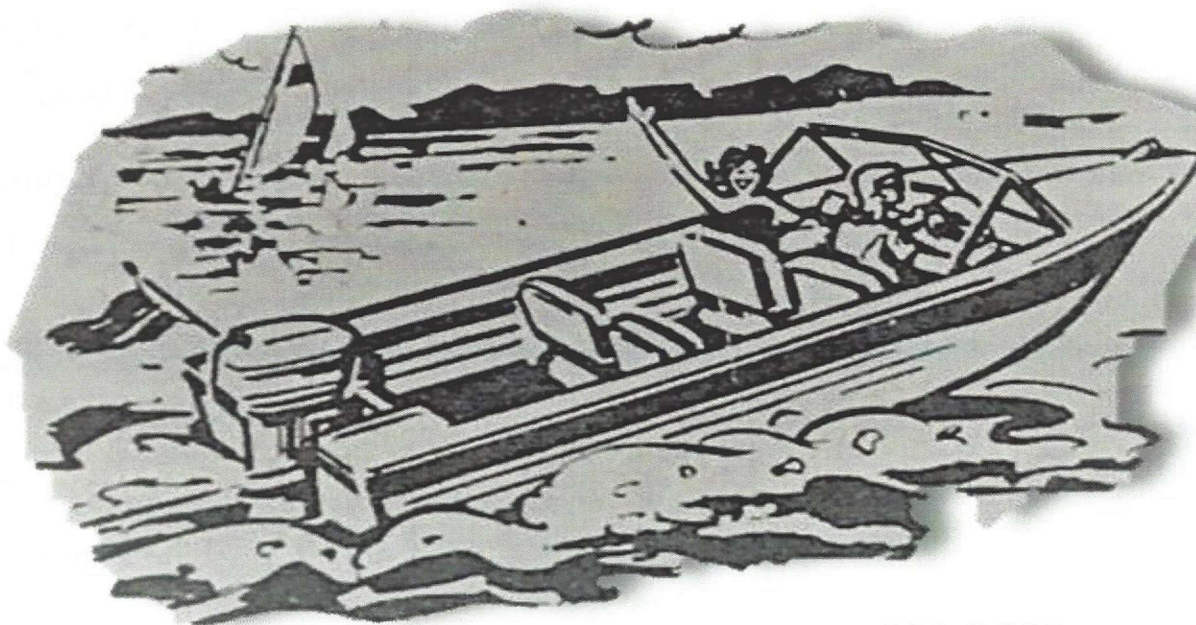
#1 The red buoys do not indicate adequate depth North side has many rocks stay as close as possible to the green buoys



This map is useful as it shows no wake zones, legal boating directions, etc. Should you have any questions, you can always email Sergeant Steve Lehman at the Barry County Sheriff's Marine Division slehman@barrycounty.org

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Attention Pine Lake Area Ladies!!



There are opportunities for us to get to know one another better! A new group was formed in January – the **Pine Lake Area Ladies Group** (PLALG). The purpose of the group is to promote networking and fellowship among Pine Lake area ladies. You can check us out on our Facebook page! There are many fun activities to participate in and get to know each other better. Below is a list of activities and the Team Captain for each one. If you are interested in any of these, please e-mail the respective Team Captain or contact one of the Group Administrators.

We also plan to have Service Projects that will be listed on our Facebook page. Not on Facebook? Contact an administrator listed below to be kept in the loop.

If you have questions about the group, have suggestions for new activities, or would like to captain an activity – please contact one of the administrators.

Activities / Team Captains

Babysitting Directory: Marty Bero - martybero@yahoo.com
Bible Study: Kerri Haist - kerrihaist@gmail.com (Tuesday evening)
Karen Blamer - jkblamer@yahoo.com (Monday evening)
Biking: Jorene Morrow - jmorrow@jaquarealtors.com
Book Club: Karen Blamer - jkblamer@yahoo.com
Breakfast Club: Jaci Dalke - jmdalke@gmail.com
Community Garden: Need a Captain
Craft/Sew/Crochet: Jorene Morrow - jmorrow@jaquarealtors.com
Dessert Club/Wine Tasting: Jorene Morrow - jmorrow@jaquarealtors.com
Fitness/Boot Camp: Need a Captain
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Gardening Ideas: Lori McAdam - basketweaves@aol.com
Golf: Need a Captain
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Turtle Races!

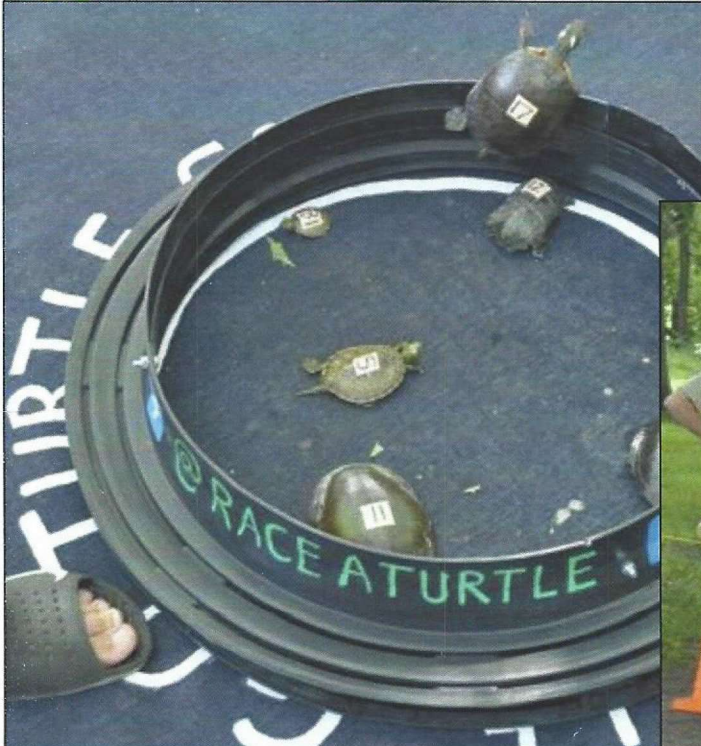
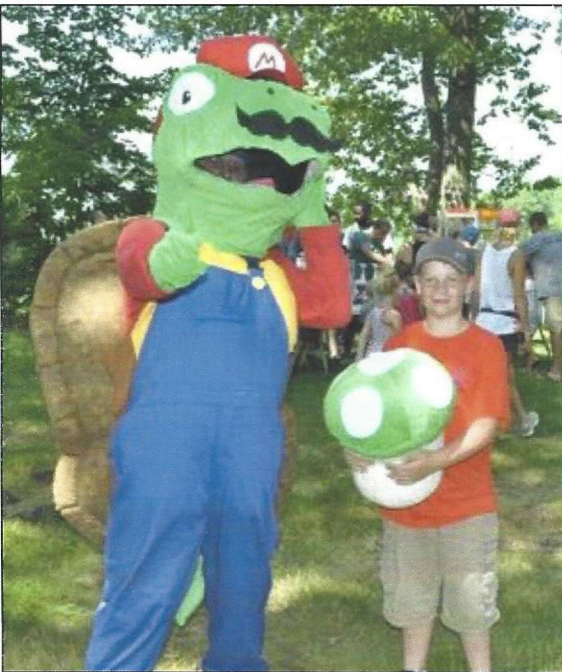
The 2018 turtle race was a Super Mario Bros theme. We had a lot of fun with our "Mario the Turtle" mascot too. We hope you all enjoyed last year's race. For this year's race the format is pretty much the same. Don't forget to look for Terry the Turtle on a Pontoon the night before the Race going around the lake around dinner time.

Race: July 4th
11:00 registration starts
12:00 Race begins

Remember rentals are the same as last year. Rentals do not race in the finals because we are re-racing the same turtles so I have enough turtles so everyone can participate. Rentals will be \$5 this year. We have prizes for every heat, but only 1st place will move on to the Finals, and that's the last race.

Don't forget, PLEASE don't mark your turtles (we provide numbers) and please no snappers, and NO box turtles (they're practically endangered). Lastly, our T-Shirt sales help pay for supplies and improvements, so buying one will help us keep it going and remind people to participate next time!

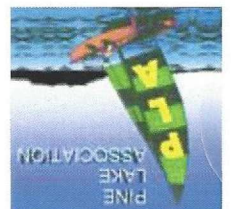
Special thanks to Nancy Robinson for making this an amazing event for our community families for so many years!



Pine Lake Association 2019 Calendar of Events

| Date/Location | Lead | Event |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| February Meeting | PLA Board | 2-13-20 @ 7:00 pm, MCTI Cabin |
| Buoy Drop/Removal | PLA Board | Before Memorial Day/After Labor Day |
| Annual Newsletter | Sandy Uridge | Month of May |
| Annual Mtg/Officer Elections | Randy Klinger | 6-1-19 @ 9:00 am, MCTI Cabin |
| Garage Sales | Kim England | 6-28 & 6-29 based on map locations |
| Fireworks | Brooks Craft | 7-5-19 @ dark/Lake 2, MCTI (rain date 7-6-19) |
| Turtle Races ***Need Volunteers*** | Nancy Robinson | 7-4-19 11:00 am registration, Race @ noon/MCTI |
| Boat Parade | Lead Needed | 7-4-19 (lead can chose day or night) |
| Kid's Halloween Party | Joanna Haneckow/ Nancy Green | 10-26-19 set-up @ 9:00 am, party 1-3 pm Prairieville Township Fire Department |

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