

# PLA NEWS

Spring 2024

Welcome to the annual Pine Lake Newsletter. The picture in the background is one of the many beautiful sunsets we have the chance to witness. A very special welcome to the new residents of Pine Lake. It is a great community and we are eager to share it with you. This newsletter will reflect back on last year, look forward to opportunities this year and give you the chance to learn about area updates.

The calendar on the back of the newsletter is there for future reference. Any updates can be found on both the PLA and Yelpers Facebook pages.

Photo courtesy of Dean Honsberger

We have members of our Pine Lake Community who have passed away. Although they have witnessed their last sunset at our lake, the memories of them will be forever treasured.

## In Memoriam

Bill Riley

Dave Dyksterhouse

Jack Myers

Dan Burnham

Geri VanderPloeg

Tom Whittington

Arie VanderPloeg

Steven Meninga

## Message from the President 2024

I continue to be honored to serve the lake another year! Thank you for your continued support. This is certainly not a singular position. In 2023 it took a total of 14 individual volunteers and companies that donated their free time to bring together the events that we enjoy. These people make up 3% of the entire lake population. This is a heavy lift. It would be so beneficial if some of the other 97% could volunteer in some capacity. I thank our members and local businesses like Lake Trades LLC, Pine Lake Boat and Motor, the Deneau family, Docks on Sunday and my husband who helps with anything that I volunteer for. If you see these individuals around or the businesses that support us, please thank them. Together we make a difference for our lake.

Just about everyone has heard the expression that "The only constant is change." Our organization is no exception. Some of our volunteers have/are or will be stepping away. At the June meeting you will see some changes to the board. Our treasurer, Darci Irving, is a great example of someone who has selflessly done her part. Other selfless volunteers leaving are Nancy Whitney, Brook Craft, and Lori McAdam. Thank you to all who make our lake activities successful.

The board has goals for the upcoming year. These include revising our bi-laws, rebuilding our website, looking for creative sponsorship of event offerings, discovering more refined methods of collecting and tracking dues payments and donations, as well as improving or adding new lake events. Pine Lake is filled with skilled and knowledgeable people that can be a resource for this good cause.



Thank you for your support of the PLA. It means a lot to us as we volunteer solely for the greater good of the lake community.

All the best,  
*Andrea*

# 2024 Fireworks



Time is running out!! The 2024 fireworks are \$4000.00 short. Money that is being contributed with your invoice now will go for the 2025 fireworks. Be watching for a way to fill the shortage for the 2024 fireworks! If we don't cover that cost, it will have to come out of general funds.

**DON'T  
FORGET**



PLA Treasurer's Update  
as of March 31, 2024

General Funds  
\$17,384.94

Fireworks  
\$5,683.75

Buoys  
\$5,930.23



## VOLUNTEERS

President,  
Andrea Bernard  
president@pinelk.org

Vice President,  
Corey Case  
vicepresident@pinelk.org

Secretary, Sara Smith  
secretary@pinelk.org

Treasurer,  
**Position is open.**

Sergeant-at-Arms  
**Position is open.**

Easter Egg Drop, Sara Smith

Boat Parade **lead needed**

Fireworks, Nancy Whitney  
**lead needed for 2025**

Halloween Party,  
Stephanie Meninga

Turtle Races, Brad Deneau

Newsletter,  
MaryAnn DeVries

Garage Sales,  
Amy Hamilton

Webmaster, Pete Seibert

**MORE INFO FOR ALL PLA ACTIVITES  
ARE ON THE CALENDAR.**

**THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO SIGN UP FOR THE GARAGE SALE ON JUNE 28 AND JUNE 29!**

**Use the QR code**

**This can be found in the bottom right corner of the flyer.**

**Get a hard copy by calling Amy at (269) 303-0709.**

**Read all of the flyer for more information!**

# PINE LAKE GARAGE SALE

Friday June 28th & Saturday June 29th 2024

I am very excited to sponsor our 2024 Pine Lake garage sale! If you are interested in participating, please register by scanning the qr code or by contacting me using my information below.

Want to participate but don't know where to start? Here are some things you can do to prep!

- ▶ Start collecting plastic or paper bags
- ▶ Hang onto shipping boxes to store your items
- ▶ Start thinking of how you will need to display your items ( tables, clothing racks, sheets, tarps, etc)

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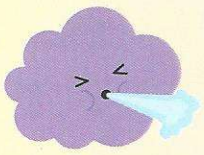


## Water Safety

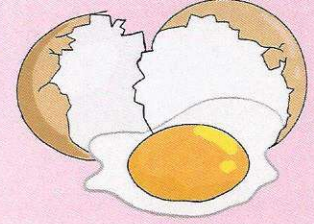
In the newsletter each year, we have an article about safety on the lake. This is more important than ever as we have more people on the lake. Some may have limited experience driving a boat. A friendly reminder might be all the help any of us need. Here are a few of the basic laws. You can find a more comprehensive list at the PLA website or Barry County Marine Division.

- Travel counter clockwise on the lake.
- The driver of a boat cannot be under the influence of liquor or drugs.
- Boats must have proper lighting from sunset to sunrise.
- A Boater Safety Certificate is needed for students under 12 to drive a boat, at least 14 to operate a PWC with a parent and 16 without a parent.

If a dangerous concern doesn't stop, you can call Barry County Dispatch at 911 and inform them. Getting pictures and/or a video including the boat identification number will help in the process. Thank you for making this a safe summer on the lake!



# Egg Drop 2024

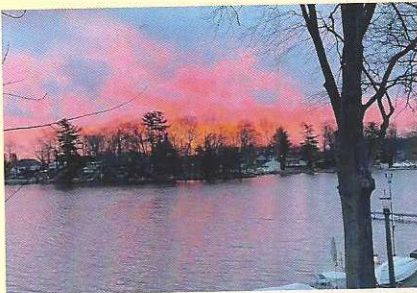


For the 2nd year the Easter celebration at Pine Lake had a unique look. The kids and even some adults had a great time building a container to protect their raw egg from destruction. It was dropped from a bucket high in the air and hit the ground. Some eggs became scrambled after the fall and others survived the fall long enough to go for another test ride through the air. The creative learning that took place was so much fun, even for the adults!!

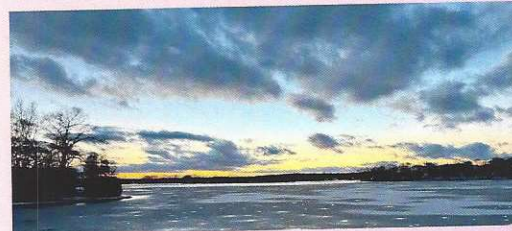


Photos by Sara Smith and bucket truck provided by John Halloran.

## Pine Lake Living



Thank you to all the wonderful Pine Lake residents who shared their photos with us.



# Fireworks

by Nancy Whitney

Fireworks for 2023 started off a bit bumpy. Thank you to Randy Klinger and Mike Whitney, who hauled the barge from the landing to MCTI. Wow, is that thing massive and heavy!! The actual show did not disappoint.

When out and about, please give a thank you to: Pine Lake Boat and Motor and Lake Trades. Both of these businesses have supported our fireworks event for years.

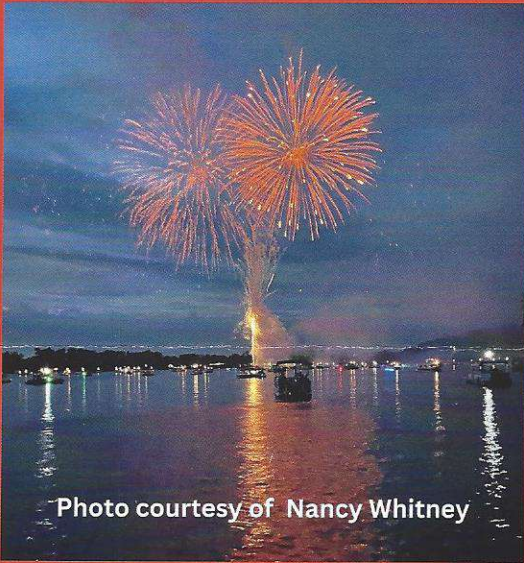


Photo courtesy of Nancy Whitney

Fireworks for 2024 will be on July 3. More info can be found on the PLA calendar.



Photo courtesy of Michelle Tustin

## Boat Parade

The 2023 Boat Parade was a huge success. Many people decorated their boats and participated. Many others watched and cheered them on. To see the parade continue in 2024, a volunteer lead is still needed..

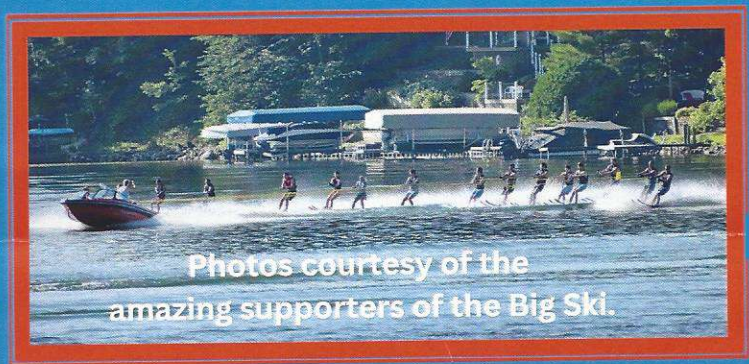
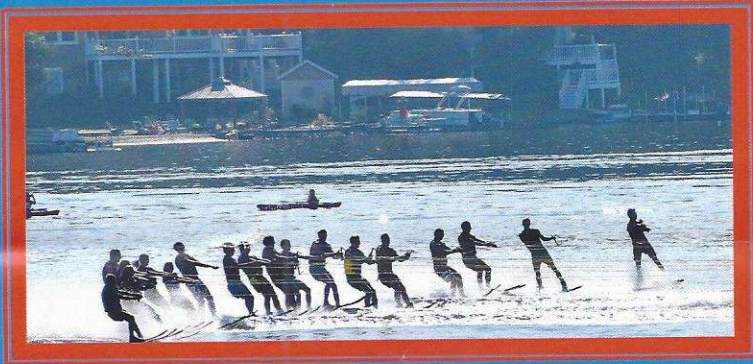


Photos courtesy of Michelle Tustin

# Pine Lake Big Ski

by Joel Schneck

The Pine Lake July 4th Big Ski Extravagance continues to grow in popularity. We are looking forward to another exciting event this year. Our goal is to get as many skiers behind one boat as possible. Thank you to the folks surrounding the perimeter of Lakes 3 and 4 who cheered and kept the lake wave free. This year we will again start from the south end of Lake 4, circle Lake 3 and return to Lake 4. We hope to launch between 9 and 10 a.m. We may give it two tries and as we scrape the rust off on the first attempt.



Photos courtesy of Andrea Bernard

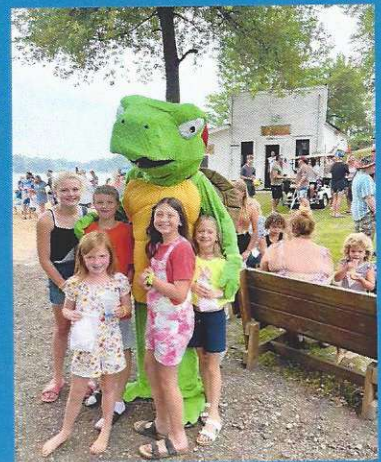


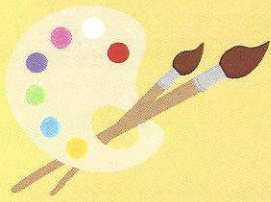
## Turtle Races



The Turtle Races returned after a one year break. It also gave the turtles a chance to rest. You would think after a year they would be faster. Hmmm... ask anyone who was there if that was the case! Thank you to Brad and Roseann Deneau for organizing and hosting this event at Shelp's Resort. It was a day of fun, food and of course races. Hoping to see you there in 2024.

Photos courtesy of Andrea Bernard





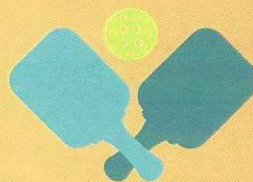
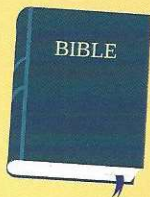
# PLALG

by Glo Kelly and Karen Blamer



**WOW!** It's been six years since a few women got together and established the Pine Lake Area Ladies Group (PLALG) which has grown to over 200 members. It's where women around the lake connect to get to know each other better and share common interests. Some of the fun and fellowship that has ensued since the group began include: weekly pickleball, ladies Bible studies, monthly summer evening flotillas, monthly breakfasts at the Pine Lake Diner, book clubs, rock painting, wine/appetizer nights, Christmas party, dessert nights at Four Roses, lunches at MCTI, and service projects. Whew! There is something for everyone!

Are you ready to get involved? Come and join us at our Spring Mingle on Saturday, May 4 at 9:00 am at the Pine Lake Recreation Area Pavilion on Doster Road. If you haven't already joined us on Facebook to get the monthly scoop on what's going on at the lake, you should, seriously. All ladies, not just the administration group, are encouraged to be involved by sharing activities and events of interest on the PLALG Facebook page. This is where most communication takes place. You can contact Karen Blamer at (269) 312-3447 and she will inform you of upcoming events. We are looking forward to connecting with all of you and making this the best year yet for the women of Pine Lake!



## Halloween Party Returns

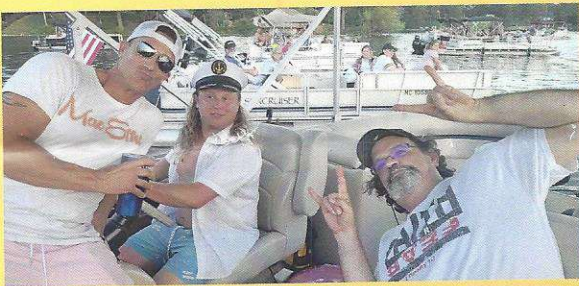
Thank you to Stephanie Meninga for stepping up to lead the return of the Halloween Party. Watch for more information about when the spooky fun begins.



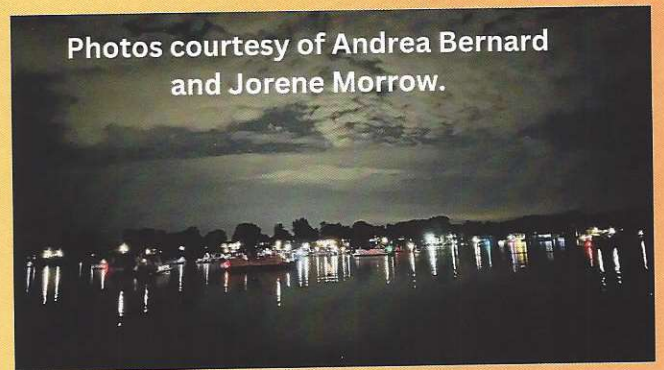


# Float Fest 2023

Float Fest 2023 was once again a success. As you can see it was a big party that was enjoyed by all. Thank you to Kyle Jennings, Nick Steele and Mario Mendoza along with so many others who made this all happen. Float Fest 2024 will be the weekend of Labor Day.



All good things must come to an end and nighttime took over the 2023 Float Fest. Now you can look forward to the Float Fest in 2024 where once again the event can be enjoyed by all.



Photos courtesy of Andrea Bernard and Jorene Morrow.

**THANK  
YOU**

Your contributions pay for all of the PLA sponsored activities. Your continued generosity is needed and so appreciated!

# Safety at Pine Lake

Did you know that the Prairieville Township Police Department and the Prairieville Township Fire Department are working together for our safety?

The departments focus on areas where they can collaborate.

This amazing cooperation is an advantage to us all.

On the next page you will see pictures of these departments.

They are continuing to be involved in the community, training together for future knowledge and support of each other, and responding to calls together. Our safety is their priority.



Pictured are: Fire Chief Brian Uridge, Devon Stewart who works on the fire and police departments, and Police Chief Mike Reizin.

Photo courtesy of MaryAnn DeVries

# Invololved in the Community



# Training Together

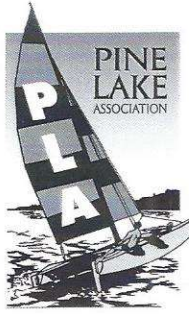


# Supporting Each Other



Photos courtesy of PTPD and PTFD

# PINE LAKE ASSOCIATION



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Pine Lake Association 2024 Calendar of Events		
Activity	Leader	Date/Location
February Meeting	PLA Board	Sunday, 2/25/24 3:00pm at MCTI Cabin
Buoy Drop/Removal	Andrea Bernard	Before Memorial Day/After Labor Day
Annual Newsletter	MaryAnn Devries	April/May 2024
Egg Drop Event	Sara Smith	Saturday, 3/24/24 3:00 pm at Prairieville Twp Park Pine Lake Rec.
June Mtg. w/ Election Officers	PLA Board	Saturday, 6/1/24 9:00 am at Prairieville Twp Park Pine Lake Rec.
Pine Lake Garage Sales	Amy Hamilton	Friday 6/28/24, and Saturday 6/29/24
Independence Day Fireworks	Nancy Whitney	Wednesday, 7/3/24 at dark; Rain date 7/13/24 at dark
Boat Parade	TBD	TBD - volunteer coordinator needed
Turtle Race	Brad Deneau	Saturday, 7/6/24 11am-2pm at Shelp's Resort Beach
Children's Halloween Party	Stephanie Meninga	TBD
Pine Lake Float Fest	Andrea Bernard	Weekend of Labor Day TBD day and time