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FROM PINE LAKE'S GATOR ALLEY

GUESS WHAT? IT IS DECISION TIME!

What do the annual Independence Day Fireworks mean to you? What about the other activities that usually occur during that time. What is the preferred way of paying for those fireworks. Which activities do you support? Describe other activities that you would support.

Pine Lake community consists of about 700 individual residences, approximately 400 pontoon boats (plus many others), numerous fishing tournaments, at least two businesses, and other entities. Presently, there are approximately 170 properties that are represented in the Pine Lake Association. Sadly, there are usually less than 30 individuals who choose policies and activities that do or may effect the community. If you really look at that, less than 30 votes out of a maximum of approximately 1400 are making these decisions. That is even worse than most off-term, local elections.

I am not encouraging you to help the Pine Lake Association do what is best for the lake. The Pine Lake Association is not a governing body and is not the only provider or monitor of good things on Pine Lake. Many non-members have been doing that for years and probably provide benefits to members and other residents. If you pay the membership fee for the PLA, you will NOT be joining to help the current members. We will all be working on what we think is good for the lake whether it is from a new member or from a longtime PLA member. Until then, we do the best we can.

The meeting schedule, previous activities, and the policies may have influenced residents to make a decision to stay out of the PLA. Maybe that decision was justified by the situation at the time. Perhaps now is the time for those to reconsider that decision. If the PLA schedule, activities, and policies need to be revised, how can you best influence those revisions -- from the inside or the outside?

Try the Don Harper method and drop out for 12 years. Withhold better ideas (or at least your abilities) and effect life at Pine Lake by default. Stand around public places and complain about the issues and decisions. The problem with that is that you will allow someone like Don Harper to decide what is best for our Pine Lake. What might have happened if my negative energy or lack of it had been redirected to our common goal (especially while I was younger).

Current and former PLA members have done and are still doing some great things. Even if we don't like some things that the PLA has done, we should be able to acknowledge some good did occur.

Ideally, every property, interested business, and organization would be represented as members of the Pine Lake Association. Everyone would pay their membership fee and have a vote and work together. To my surprise, I have not inspired that.

There is an alternative for those who would like to try something before they buy it. According to the by-laws of the PLA, anyone can come to meetings or otherwise present ideas without being a member of the PLA. The non-member can't vote until the membership fee is paid (which means you can't vote for my successor).

Maybe you would want to try that. You can present your ideas and see how they are received. If you like what happens, you can pay the fee later and be able to vote on issues. Otherwise you can continue providing ideas and effort as a non-member.

Following is a list of activities that are currently planned. This list shows suggestions for other activities or for modification of existing activities. In some cases, the apparent reasons for the suggestions are presented. Where individuals have already volunteered to coordinate or help with certain activities, their names are listed. The list is only too long if the activities are not worthwhile or not of sufficient priority to be supported. With probably around 1400 talented people at Pine Lake, the list could be too small.

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What are YOU doing on ... ?

Upcoming Meetings

Thursday,
April 15, 2010

Saturday,
June 19, 2010

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The list is to inform and yet seek input not just recruit your support. Maybe you will see an activity that you would enjoy or have some experience in doing and will want to provide more support. You maybe able to become enthused and recruit people to help plan and complete a listed activity. Finally, you might present and accomplish a previously unlisted activity that would be highly successful. Please contact your Director (listed in the Newsletter and on pinelk.org), other officers, or promote it with your neighbors and acquaintances.

ACTIVITIES OR ISSUES**Health and Safety Presentations (April or May)**

- Preparedness -- Don Haneckow
- Lake Safety & Rules --
- Barry County Sheriff (hopefully Sgt Johnson)
- DEQ/DNR

Suggested 2 different presentation days - separate from PLA meeting - Possibly videotaped - previously submitted questions

Volunteer Fire Department Appreciation Day (May or June)

- Appreciation Pig Roast -- \$X per member and \$2X per non-member. (excess to PVLFD for needs)
- Possible PVLFD Demonstration
- Possible appreciation award for each volunteer

Lakewide Garage Sale and**Pine Lake Resident Craft Exhibit -- open**

- Lori McAdams could assist

(Crafts - exhibit-only and individual or combined yard sales) PL residents only

Possibly weekend of May 26.

Raffle, recognition, prizes, and rewards --**Chris Harper & Katie Seibert**

- Review potential benefits for fireworks, boat parade, frontage decoration, etc.,
- Recruit donations as needed
- Mechanics of ticket distribution, sales, and drawing/awards

Independence Day Activities -- Mario Mendoza

• "Only in America" can we recognize volunteers and others that serve the community.

• Decoration of property/frontage to fit the theme. (reward or recognition?)
(individual or group parties to honor their "volunteers")

• Fireworks Disc Jockey Show/pontoon dances -- possibly Scott Cook of Pine Lake, Phil Schmitt of MCTI, and others to be announced

- Fireworks (Saturday, July 3 at Dusk) end of MCTI

- Expand the show? \$5700 last year

- Boat Parade -- open

Possible award or recognition for theme and decoration

• "Fancy Boat" parade -- open
Show off your prized possession

- Turtle and Paddleboat Races -- Nancy (Robinson)

- Boat Scavenger Hunt -- open

- Drawing and Recognition event --

Pine Lake Fishing Contest -- Ed Kornetti**Environmental Presentations -- Eric Hibma****Recycling -- Nancy Green**

- (see the Newsletter and Website)

Historical Tour and Walkathon --

• (Individuals and groups present pictures, keepsakes, etc for walkers to see)

(Collection, archiving, and presentation of the rich Pine Lake history before it is gone -- possibly a museum -- open to suggestions)
Corky Greenburg and Nancy Heilig have offered to help a coordinator and others.

Bartering --

• (Pine Lake members trade skills and obtain services from other members)

Round the Lake Bike Tour --

- (combine health and scenery)

New Pine Lake Director -- Lori Bell

• Children's activities --
Activities, helps, etc.

Buoys -- Ed Kornetti**Pine Lake Cares --**

- Pinelakers caring for Pinelakers -- how?

Halloween Party -- Jorene Morrow and Nancy Green

- Children's party - as before

- Trick or Treat for Adults ?

Christmas Caroling --**Membership Issues**

- Nomination of Officers and June election -- open

- Bylaw Review and Amendments -- open

- Benefits of Membership -- Bob Breither

• Numbered and pre-addressed Membership Invoice System -
- Treasurer, Secretary, Newsletter Coordinator, and Eileen Foster
Webmaster -- Ted DeVries and Pete Seibert

Do you have something that would be good for our community?

Vice President's Comments

Submitted by: **Eric Hibma**

Spring is finally here! The ice has melted, and we are all getting ready to get back on the water again. This year however brings a new change to Pine Lake.

As we discussed at our quarterly PLA meetings, which were unfortunately poorly attended, zebra muscles have been discovered in Pine Lake. So far this has affected lake #4 and they have progressed as far as the channel between lakes 3 and 4. Now that the zebra muscles are here, there is no getting rid of them. There are some fish that will eat them, but they reproduce so quickly that they will continue to spread through our lake.

I handed out some materials at the quarterly meeting, some of which Pete Seibert has put on the PLA website (www.pinelk.org) under the heading of "lake environment." Zebra muscles can wreak havoc on our boats and motors. Zebra muscle larvae are extremely small and will be taken in through the cooling system of the boat motor. If the boat is not used for a while these larvae will grow and can eventually plug the cooling system and cause overheating problems. They can also adhere to the prop and hull of the boats resulting in decreased efficiency of your boat and motor. It is good to put the prop up when the boat is not in use to keep the zebra muscles from plugging the exterior water intake.

These types of issues are some of the many things we discuss at the quarterly meetings, which are open to all lake residents. This is not for board members only. We have only had about 15 people show up for the quarterly meetings, which is disappointing considering that there are over 600 properties on the lake, and approximately 180 members of the PLA. There have not been enough people to have a quorum and therefore we cannot even vote on issues pertaining to the management of the lake. I encourage everyone on the lake to attend at least one or two meetings a year, which will help everyone stay informed and help us to create more of a sense of community here at Pine Lake.

Upcoming Events at Pine Lake:

April 15, 2010

PLA Board meeting - all residents invited 7:00 p.m. MCTI Lodge
Final choice of Theme for 4th of July, 2010

April-May

Buoy placement - Buoy Committee

June 19, 2010

PLA Annual Membership meeting Saturday 9:00 a.m. MCTI Lodge.
Dues are due and payable before the meeting

May or June?

Annual PLA Wide Garage sale, pending - need committee members

4th of July Weekend

Fireworks at Dusk, MCTI **July 3, 2010**

Boat Parade TBA Need Chairperson

Scavenger Hunt TBA Need Chairperson

Turtle Race TBA Need volunteers to help

Kayak/Paddleboat races TBA Need Chairperson

Raffle Drawing TBA Need volunteers

At this time all 4th of July activities, except the scheduled fireworks and Turtle Race, are pending due to lack of volunteers to assist with these activities. Attend the next Pine Lake Association Meeting Thursday **APRIL 15, 2010 at MCTI 7:00 p.m.** OR Contact Chairperson Mario Mendoza 664-5481 or email at july4th.coorindator@pinelk.org to volunteer.

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THANK YOU!

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Pine Lake Association Big Fish Contest

Dates of contest :
Saturday June 5th 2010 thru Saturday August 28th 2010

Entry Fee
FREE for anglers under 16 years of age
\$5.00 per angler over 17 years of age
Entry fee will cover anglers for entire contest, anglers can enter as many fish as they wish.

Categories :

Bass

Crappie

Sunfish

Pike /Muskellunge

Perch

Rules :

All fish must be caught within Pine Lake, Fish must be live or on ice NO frozen fish allowed !

Anglers over 17 years of age must have current Michigan fishing License.

All residents or guests of residence may enter contest- proof of residence must be verified.

Points will be assigned to each entry as follows :

Length (inches)+ Girth (inches) + ounces (in weight) = point total

Official Weigh in site :

Pine Lake boat and Motor

Doster Road

Plainwell MI

Official postings will be in the Newsletter and also on web site

Pay Out :

Based on total entry fees collected will be paid out as follows :

1 winner from each class – determined by total points per fish will receive -15%

Pine Lake Association- 10% will be forwarded to Fireworks fund /buoy fund

Pine Lake boat and Motor -10%

All entries will be entered into a Random drawing from all entries received -5%

PRAIRIEVILLE TOWNSHIP NEWS

Of interest to Pine Lake residents at the February 10, 2010 Township meeting: Trustee Bill Miller stated that he called the Barry County Drain Commission to check on the Pine Lake pump. They stated the pump will not be run during the winter months because of the fear of freezing. You may remember that since expensive maintenance had to be done on the Pine Lake pump, Bill has been proactive in making sure the Drain Commission is properly maintaining the pump to prevent a future assessment to the Pine Lake residents.

At the March 10, 2010 Prairieville Township meeting the decision was made to purchase five new computers and new software that would improve efficiency and integrate what are now three separate systems. The taxpayers should benefit from this upgrade which was researched by the Clerk, Jill Owen. Treasurer Deb Newhouse commented that the new system will greatly improve the prevention of possible errors caused by inputting information into three different systems. In other business, Bill Miller, Trustee put forward the possibility of having the Township office open three days a week rather than four as a cost saving measure. The township introduced the new "minute taker" who will be recording the minutes of Prairieville Township proceedings. Also, the contracts for cleaning the Township Hall and maintaining the grounds and cemeteries were decided.

Also, zoning changes regarding outdoor wood burning, junk vehicles and other ordinance changes have been addendums to the agenda for many months. The Board will be looking for input to move forward on these matters. Let your township officials know your views. Contact them at www.PrairievilleTwp-MI.org or call the Township Hall at 623-2664, Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Township Board meetings will be held the 2nd Wednesday of each month for 2010 at the Township Hall in Prairieville. The public is always welcome to attend. For complete minutes, see the website. Also, the Zoning Ordinances for the township are now on the website for your convenience.

If any Scouts are interested in a service project for an Eagle Scout badge, the Township is open to ideas that would improve the township. Any interested Scout should contact Prairieville Township. Last year the Scouts made tremendous improvements to our Pine Lake Area Park on Doster Road.

Recycling has been restored at the Township Hall. The bins are available on the 1st and 3rd weekend of each month (dates are on the township website). Please be courteous and conscientious! Clean recyclables marked with a "1" or "2" ONLY, metal cans, paper (no pizza boxes) and cardboard. The Boy Scouts also accept newspapers at the Barry Township Hall in Delton. Do not leave recyclables on the ground.

The move to recall Prairieville Township officials continues. No position has been taken by the Pine Lake Association on this issue. For further information on the recall effort contact: Sharon Ford 664-6594

For information from those supporting the current Board call: Kathy Mutchler 623-3151 or Ken Eddy 664-4271. Final date to gather petition signatures to put the recall on the ballot is April 10, 2010.

Recycling Options for Residents of Pine Lake

Currently the best option for recycling is to take your recycling to the Prairieville Township Hall. The bin sits in the parking lot on the 1st and 3rd weekends of each month. You can see a complete list of acceptable items at the Hall. There is no fee for this option.

A minimum of 100 residences would have to sign up for curb side pickup. There are two companies that have agreed to pick up our recycling if we reach that minimum number. Republic Waste Management (BFI/Allied) would pick up once a month and the cost would be 8.00 per household. Best Way would pick up once a month, always the last week of the month and the cost to each household would be 4.00 a month.

Best Way Disposal is a local company and I believe the majority of the residences on Pine Lake already use them for trash removal. However I understand they have issues with some of our narrow private roads.

We are still negotiating with both companies for waste removal as well as access to some of our narrow private roads. Once we have the best option to offer, we will share that information with you.

In the meantime, we would like to get an idea of who might be interested in curb side pickup. For those of you with Internet access you can fill out a very short survey at http://pinelk.org/recycling/form_mail/recycling_survey.html

For those of you reading this newsletter via hard copy please contact Nancy Green at neergn@hotmail.com or 269-664-6934. With answers to these questions:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Year round resident?

Do you recycle now?

Would you be interested in curb side pickup of recycling?

What company do you use now for waste disposal?

If necessary would you be willing to sign a contract with a waste disposal company that would also pick up your recycling?

Comments:

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7:00 p.m.
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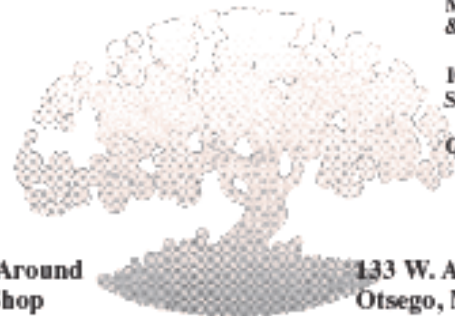
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	Fireworks Donation	
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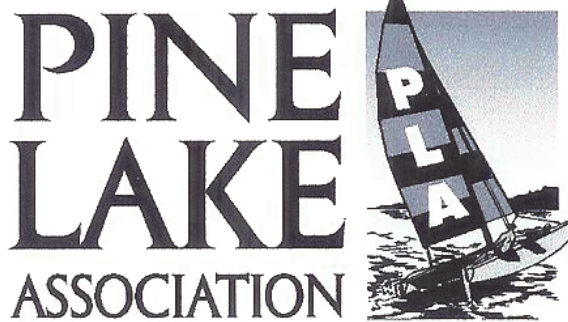
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