

PINE LAKE ASSOCIATION



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

Greetings to all of you lake residents and friends,

Hope everyone made it through the long, long winter relatively unscathed.

I want to thank all the lake association members and friends that helped out on our various projects over the last year. The Buoys being placed, the garage sale, the fantastic fireworks, turtle races, and boat parades for the Fourth of July, the pig roast, Halloween party, and the Winter fest were all well received and great fun. Weed control seems to be working, without any significant adverse effects. It was a great year! Thanks again to those that helped out.

The fire works are again going to happen on the night of the third of July, there will again be music. Thanks to the Kauss family for allowing us to set up the music on their beach. Thanks to Jeff Bishop for arranging for the music and the fireworks display. Nancy Robinson is again going to hold the Turtle Races on the Fourth at the Tech Center and a big thanks to her and her gang. And a night boat parade is anticipated. Why are the fireworks on the night of the third? Because we get a much better price from the display company on the 3rd instead of the 4th. It also affords at least a 48-hour window between the date and the rain date.

Facebook: Who would have thought that we would be able to communicate with each other about lake issues so quickly? 20 years ago it was just unheard of. Missing pets, found pets, runaway boats and rafts have all been quickly recovered using this great tool. Also suspicious activities, cars, and noises are quickly posted. Looks like we have around 451 members of the group. I strongly urge everyone on the lake to sign up on facebook and become members of

the Pine Lake Association Group. It is the policy of the board that the facebook page is "open" and anyone can join, and or view. Hurtful comments, intentional untruths, and or personal attacks will lead to being removed from the "friends" list.

There has been discussion about closing this page, but so far no one has come up with the parameters for a closed group, nor has anyone come forward to be a Webmaster for this.

The Board is working together to do the best for the membership and other lake residents. Several of the board members have expressed a desire to retire from the Board. I want to thank them for their service.

It is time for the membership to chat up amongst you and get possible candidates for the Board. It would be great if we had the annual meeting and election and there were several candidates to choose from. In the past we have filled the board by cajoling someone in the audience to take a position. It is my personal position that if we do not get enough participation to elect a full board then we need to seriously consider disbanding the Association. If that happens, any monies the Association has, after paying all debts, etc, reverts to the Township Government, and we will be no more, per our charter. There would be no buoy placement, no fireworks, no pig roast, no participation or financial support for the many other fine projects that come up around the lake during the year. Lets hope this does not become a possibility, get involved, take a position, volunteer. Thank you in advance.

Don Haneckow
President
Pine Lake Association

Looking back at 2013 and ahead to 2014



Fireworks

The fireworks for the Independence Day celebration were fantastic. After a bit of a late start, they seemed to go on forever. The music was great and the sight of all the boats on Lake Three were amazing. This year the fireworks will be on the 3rd of July.

There will be different set backs or exclusion areas because we are going to be using some larger fireworks this year. So if the Marine Patrol asks you to leave where you usually parked, it is not because they are picking on you, its so we can have a safe and hopefully larger display. There will again be music playing over by the Kauss Haus. If you want to hear the tunes, you may want to park over there. Thanks to the Kauss Family for letting us set up the music on their beach.

A huge thank you to Jeff Bishop for all of the planning and coordination of the Pine Lake Fireworks display.

Turtle Races

The turtle races were a great time for all. Headed up by Nancy Robinson, its an event the kids love. There was a shortage of turtles for the 2013 races, so some turtles got to race more than once. Note to all, get your turtles

and keep them safe for the race this year so we will have sufficient numbers of turtles to race.

Pig Roast 2013

This event was a great success, over 100 people attended and the food was fantastic. Thanks to the Fire Fighters and Pine Lake volunteers that helped prepare, set up and serve the food. Thanks to General Equipment Rental for the dunk tank and the bounce tent.

Kid's Halloween party

Over 80 ghouls and goblins of all sorts and sizes showed up. Again it is amazing that in just a few short hours, the Prairieville Fire Station converts from a fire station to a spook house and then back again in less than an hour. A great time was had by all.



Winter Fest

We were all ready to get out of the house and play. Seem like lots of folks came out and braved the not so bad weather to listen to some music and eat some great food. Let's hope that this becomes a winter staple here at the lake. Thanks to Chris Koury for coordinating this wonderful event.

Deal!

A great time was had playing cards this winter over at Scott and Marilyns house. We will try to keep this fun respite going into the next cold weather season. Hey! We can play cards on boats too. Let see what happens.

“Here comes Peter Cottontail.....”

The Easter Egg scramble was a success with over 60 children attending. Great for a first time event. We will continue this fun endeavor.



A WORD FROM THE WEED CONTROL COMMITTEE:

The summer of 2014 is fast approaching us and we are all looking forward to jumping in the lake to cool off, don some skis or a wake board and try the newest tricks, watch and laugh along with those that are bouncing in the wakes on tubes and watch the grandkids looking with wonder at the variety of things that can be found in the water. I think we can all say that the lake felt much better last year as we were not fighting milfoil to get to the swim areas or our docks. We are truly blessed to live on such a beautiful lake as our.

Andy Tomaszewski is our PLA representative and he sent the following message:

Pine Lake Weed Control: 2013 Summary and 2014 Management

The 2013 season was a very successful year in regards to exotic plant control. Coming into the season, Pine Lake was experiencing a very significant problem with Eurasian watermilfoil. Based on the density and distribution of milfoil on the lake, a whole lake Sonar A.S. application was recommended as the most feasible control option. Whole lake Sonar A.S. treatments involve applying the product Fluridone to the entire lake at a very low and selective rate (6 parts per billion). At this low rate, the product is selective for Eurasian watermilfoil and has little impact on other naturally occurring species. Treatments were conducted on May 2nd and May 21st. As normal for Sonar applications, milfoil slowly dropped out over an 8-10 week period. At the time of the year end AVAS Survey, milfoil had dropped from 39.59% cumulative cover in September, 2012 to .98% in September, 2013. Out of 126 shoreline sections, it was found in 108 sections in 2012 and only 4 sections in 2013.

For 2014, the focus of management will shift from lake wide milfoil reduction to monitoring and maintenance. Pine Lake will be evaluated throughout the season and if milfoil is found, it will be addressed in those specific locations. These types of treatments are referred to as “spot treatments”. Restrictions associated with those treatments only apply to those specific areas similar to when individual properties were treated in previous seasons. Depending on the conditions (amount of milfoil, density, location, etc.....) the appropriate herbicide will be used. Please keep in mind that Pine Lake has ~ 406 out of 660 acres capable of growing aquatic plants so it is impossible to find every single milfoil plant on the lake. PLM will do our best to find milfoil and address it early before it becomes a larger issue. The goal is to manage

the milfoil to the lowest level possible, for as long as possible, with as little treatment as possible. Also be aware that areas heavily dominated by milfoil in the past will be re-colonized by native species. For the most part, native species do not grow to nuisance levels compared with exotics. AVAS surveys at the end of the year along with regular visits should be sufficient to detect any new exotic species that may have enter the lake. These species may include: Cabomba, Starry stonewort or Phragmites all of which are found in other lakes close by.

As things progress and need to be reported, they will be placed on the website and on the Facebook site if needed. You will be getting notices for any treatments that are needing to be done this Spring.

Wishing everyone a safe and wonderful Summer.

Greg Yarworth



Buoy Placement for 2014

Because of the lack of response when asking for volunteers to place and remove buoys, this year the project will be hired out. There will be less buoys placed than in the past because we will be paying a per buoy fee for their placement and retrieval. The cost of doing the buoys both

in and out will be about \$1000. Please keep this in mind when making donations to the buoy fund.

Garage sale Yes it's that time again! Time to clean out the garages and fill it with items that you no longer want or need around the home and have some fun meeting new people while making money.

It is a fun time around the lake, and while I will still participate by buying from several of you, I am turning over the reigns of organizing to Kim England, who has very graciously volunteered to head this event.

So thank you everyone! It has been my pleasure meeting them many new faces that I did in the past years and I hope Kim has as much fun as I did.

Kathie Yarworth

Message from the Fire Department

Once again the Fire Department would like to thank the Pine Lake Association for the generous donation to our equipment fund. We had a great time prepping and setting up for the roast last year. We used the money to purchase a computer to be used for training purposes within the department and we bought a battery powered saw for use at fires or while extricating persons from crashed vehicles.

With the Fourth of July coming, we want to remind all to be safe while using fireworks. The fireworks now available to us legally are very powerful and can cause permanent injury or death if not used responsibly. Please be careful.

Please take the time to insure that you have the numbers for your house on your house or placed so there is no doubt which house to go to. We just went on another call out here at the lake in which the number was on the mail box and not on the house and we were not sure

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which house we should be going to. If you're ill or otherwise in trouble, you don't want us knocking on doors looking for your house. Please check your house or cottage and make sure that you have house numbers plainly visible in contrasting colors so we can find them quickly in the middle of the night or during a rain or snowstorm. (It's the law)

"Neighbors helping Neighbors"

Prairieville Township Fire Department
is continuing to improve the services to all of the residents of the township. At this time we are looking for a few great people that are interested in helping out their community by working with the Fire Department.

The Township has a need for people, male and female, that are interested in assisting us by responding to medical or fire related calls.

If you are interested in helping your neighbors by responding to medical emergencies we can, review your current credentials, or send you to a recognized Medical First Responder (MFR) class. Upon credential review or successful completion of the MFR classes, you will be called to assist when there are emergencies in your area.

We are also looking for people interested in fire fighting. If you are interested in being a fire fighter, we will send you to a State of Michigan sanctioned Fire Fighter school. Upon successful completion of the classes you will be recognized throughout Michigan as Fire Fighter I and Fire Fighter II certified. We also pride ourselves on our

continuing in-house training that includes controlled burn training, live burn training, and real structural fire fighting scenarios.

You do not have to do both. You can chose to be only a fire fighter, or only be a Medical First Responder, but we would love it if you chose to do both.

If you have an interest, please call the Township Hall at **(269) 623-2664** and ask for an application to join the Fire Department. We will send you an application and give you more information.

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

Opportunities to serve the Pine Lake Association

There are many ideas and activities that have been suggested over the past year to keep us busy. With only a handful of volunteers we cannot do all of them. If you have an interest, there is always something you could volunteer your time to do. Ranging from a few hours of time to heading up a committee. Think about stepping up to help make our lake great!

Treasurer Report

4/17/14

Keeping track of the funds:

General fund balance is	\$13,201.56
Fireworks Fund balance	\$4,527.41*
*2014 fireworks already paid in full.	
Buoy fund balance	\$ 2,735.08

**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 20th 9-5, Sat. June 21st 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 Kim England before **Monday, June 16th** 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: Kim England, 11323 Sunset Point, Plainwell, MI 49080
(269)330-2642

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

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Pine Lake Association Dues 2014-2015

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 June 15, 2014 with your check to
Pine Lake Association
P.O. Box 3
Plainwell, Mi. 49080

Thank you for your help in making our 2014 summer on the lake fantastic!

Pine Lake Association Calendar of Events 2013-2014

<i>Buoy Drop Day</i>	<i>Sat. May 10 or 17 - check the web TBD watch the web site and Facebook</i>
<i>Fishing Tournament</i>	
<i>PLA Annual Meeting and Vote Day</i>	<i>Sat. June 7 9am</i>
<i>Annual Garage Sale Weekend</i>	<i>Fri. - Sat. June 20 & 21</i>
<i>4th of July Events:</i>	
<i>Firework Display on Lake Two</i>	<i>Thur. July 3 at dark rain date Sat. July 5</i>
<i>Boat Parade</i>	<i>Fri. July 4 *****Night Parade***** Fri. July 4 register 11am-noon/race to follow</i>
<i>Turtle Races</i>	
<i>PLA Meeting</i>	<i>Thur. August 21 7pm</i>
<i>Annual Pig Roast</i>	<i>August TBD</i>
<i>Buoy Pull-out Days</i>	<i>Sat. September 6 9am-noon Sat. October 25 - set up 9am and party 1-3pm</i>
<i>Children's Halloween Party</i>	
<i>Winter Fest</i>	<i>TBD tentatively February 2015</i>

Your participation will make these the best events ever!!

All dates are subject to change and additional Street/Block parties to be added.

For further information regarding events go to pinelake.com



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DNR PRESS RELEASE

Regarding Spring fish kills

Below is a link to a DNR press release stating that because of the early, thick and extended ic cover, they are expected to see more fish kills this Spring than normal. This is an informative statement along with the link so you can better understand what has happened if we do indeed see a larger fish kill this Spring.

<http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-153--322186--,00.html>

Join us June 7 at 9:00 am
PLA Annual Meeting and Vote Day
A great chance to meet your neighbors and
check out what is going on at Pine Lake.