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Message from the President

To my Neighbors and Friends at Pine Lake,

If you're like me you probably feel a touch of cabin fever and highly looking forward to spring. Open windows, fresh air, seeing your neighbors and a new sense of hope for the coming year. It amazing how each year we take for granted our seasons because they come no matter what we do or don't do.

I was brought up that one must be willing to do what you ask others to accomplish, one must lead by example. Over the past ten months I have done my best to follow my upbringing by jumping into nearly every task/project around the lake. I have sold raffle tickets, knocked on nearly every door at the lake to introduce myself, I pulled buoys, gone to township meetings, called on businesses to be part of the yearly raffle, just to name a few. As a neighbor I helped stranded boaters by towing or helping to find the issue and getting them running, when trees have been across the road gone home to get straps and chain saw to clear the road way, when we had the large snow fall I went on nearly every street and plowed roads private and public so my neighbors had a chance to get out if needed. I am not special I am your neighbor and there are many out there just like me. The PLA has brought new

events to the table like the car show, and bringing back the annual pig roast that had 300 people attend, to add to the fireworks, turtle race, Halloween event, annual garage sale.

2011 is going to be a pivotal year for the PLA. Just 10 months ago the PLA was on the verge of folding and now we are growing and making a strong comeback. This is great news but it comes at a huge cost of burning out the few who make all of this happen by volunteering. We simply can't keep going back to the same wells. Take a few hours of your valuable time to invest in your community/ neighbors this year. Be a director of your street, take on an open position, help setup one of the events, sell raffle tickets, run for an officer position. We have other events that have been put forth that we simply don't have the resources to put them on. You will feel great about being part of something and I guarantee you won't miss the time you spend.

Very Sincerely

Scott Cook PLA President

Be A Good Steward Appreciate our Pine Lake and help it and its events continue. Give a bit of time and effort by contacting anyone listed below or a Board Member ... and Be A Good Steward! *Thank You!*

Point / Event Directors

4th of July Coordinator OPEN - Volunteer Needed! july4th.coordinator

4th of July Turtle Race Coordinator Nancy Gibson turtlerace.coordinator@pinelk.org

Fireworks Lottery Coordinators Chris Harper, Katie Seibert fireworkslottery@pinelk.org

> Garage Sale Coordinator Kathie Yarworth garagesale@pinelk.org

> Beech Island Ross F. Stancati beechisland@pinelk.org

Boniface Point Elaine Kornetti, 664-4830 director11@pinelk.org

Breezy Point Don Haneckow, 664-6677 breezypoint@pinelk.org

Cedar Sara Hibma, 303-9292 director10@pinelk.org

Center OPEN - Volunteer Needed! director8@pinelk.org

Ford's Point Chris Harper, 664-6059 director3@pinelk.org

Handy Lane David Briggs, 664-4997 director7@pinelk.org

Handy Lane Carol Nemeth, 616-970-2939 director9@pinelk.org Islandview Cindy Hook, Jaci Dalke, 664-6888 director12@pinelk.org

Long Point Dave Riegel, 664-3622 director1@pinelk.org

Long Point John Block, 664-5378 director13@pinelk.org

Merlau OPEN - Volunteer Needed! Merlau director

Oakridge OPEN - Volunteer Needed! Oakridge director

Pine Shores / Pinnacle OPEN - Volunteer Needed! director15@pinelk.org

Pine Lake Rd Phil Dunlop, 664-4495 No E-mail

South Dr OPEN, Volunteer Needed! director2@pinelk.org

Southgate Dr Deb Newhouse, 269-569-2095 director17@pinelk.org

> Sunset Circle Dawn Ogden, 664-4992 sunsetcircle@pinelk.org

Sunset Point Eileen Buckley, 664-4002 director4@pinelk.org

Sycamore Pt OPEN - Volunteer Needed! director18@pinelk.org

Newsletter Peggy Warnez, 664-4781 newsletter@pinelk.org

Message from the Prairieville Township Pine Lake Fire Department

We are all looking forward to a great and safe Spring and Summer here at the lake

Here are some tips for safety during our upcoming grilling season. They are from the "Michigan Fire Service Connection" News Letter December 2011

Choose the Right Equipment and Use It Properly

- Always use cooking equipment tested and approved by a recognized testing facility.
- Follow manufacturers' instructions and code requirements when installing and operating cooking equipment.

Use Barbecue Grills Safely

- Position the grill well away from siding, deck railings, and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Place the grill a safe distance from lawn games, play areas, and foot traffic.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area by declaring a 3-foot "kid-free zone" around the grill.
- Put out several long-handled grilling tools to give the chef plenty of clearance from heat and flames when cooking food.
- Periodically remove grease or fat buildup in trays below grill so it cannot be ignited by a hot grill.
- Use only outdoors! If used indoors, or in any enclosed spaces, such as tents, barbecue grills pose both a fire hazard and the risk of exposing occupants to carbon monoxide.

Charcoal Grills

- Purchase the proper starter fluid and store out of reach of children and away from heat sources.
- Never add charcoal starter fluid when coals or kindling have already been ignited, and never use any flammable or combustible liquid other than charcoal starter fluid to get the fire going.

Propane Grills

• Check the propane cylinder hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. A light soap and water solution applied to the hose will reveal escaping propane quickly by releasing bubbles.

- If you determined your grill has a gas leak by smell or the soapy bubble test and there is no flame:
- Turn off the propane tank and grill.
- If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again.
- If the leak does not stop, call the fire department.
- If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not attempt to move the grill.
- All propane cylinders manufactured after April 2002 must have overfill protection devices (OPD). OPDs shut off the flow of propane before capacity is reached, limiting the potential for release of propane gas if the cylinder heats up. OPDs are easily identified by their triangular-shaped hand wheel.
- Use only equipment bearing the mark of an independent testing laboratory. Follow the manufacturers' instructions on how to set up the grill and maintain it.
- Never store propane cylinders in buildings or garages. If you store a gas grill inside during the winter, disconnect the cylinder and leave it outside.

If Your Clothes Catch Fire!

If your clothes catch fire, stop, drop, and roll. Stop immediately, drop to the ground, and cover face with hands. Roll over and over or back and forth to put out the fire. Immediately cool the burn with cool water for 3 to 5 minutes and then seek emergency medical care.

Does your House or Cottage have numbers?

It greatly assists the fire department to respond to your emergency if you have the numbers of your address clearly placed on your house. Often in the middle of the night when we get called we spend extra time trying to figure out which house we are supposed to respond to because the numbers are only on the mail box, and the mail box is in a group at the end of the road, or they are on the garage and we can not determine which house the garage goes with, and occasionally there is an odd numbered house on the even side of the street. Not sure why, it just is. So help us help you by putting numbers with contrasting background that are large enough to be seen from the road on your dwelling.

If you have question for the Prairieville Township Pine Lake Fire Department, please call the Prairieville Township Office at (269) 623-2664, and they will get a message to the duty officer to call you back.

March 2011 Pine Lake Association Newsletter Comments from the Office of the Secretaries

If you would like to see the minutes of the last several Pine Lake Association Meetings, you can go to <u>http://</u><u>www.pinelk.com</u> and or <u>www.pinelk.org</u> and view the minutes by clicking into the "Meeting Minutes" on the left column of the web page. Pete places them there as soon as the secretary gets them typed after each meeting. If you do not have access to a computer or just don't like reading off computers contact Don or Jo at 664 6677 and we will get an address from you to send a copy to you. Pete also places our news letter on the web site.

Speaking of addresses. We are continuing to sort out Association members address corrections. We have had a few folks tell us that they have received mail at more than one address and others that have not received mail at all. And there are preferences for either U.S. Post or e-mail. We also note that some of the addresses we have are non-deliverable. People have moved or have addresses at non-deliverable locations such as islands. Some people are not getting the Newsletter and do not know that we are trying to get the letter to them, and we need your help.

So.....! If you know of someone that did not receive the Pine Lake Association Newsletter, please have them call Don or Jo at 664-6677 and we will ensure that their correct address is on file. If you or your neighbors would like to have the newsletter delivered electronically, contact us at <u>secretary@pinelk.org</u> and we will get you on that list. Please help us out and ask your neighbors if they are receiving the newsletter and tell them whom to call or e-mail to start getting delivery.

We have had several requests to re-publish a directory for Pine Lake. Again, to do that we need correct information. Perhaps you could get your point director to do an audit of your street, or if you do not have a point director, you are encouraged to consider taking the role. We would be happy to sort the data base for your area, point or street if you wish to assist us with an audit.

A last note, if you wish to see in advance when things are happening on Pine Lake, you may refer to the calendar we have posted on the web site. It is of course a living document and will be updated throughout the year.

Correction to the October Minutes: The number to call to contact Barry County Central Dispatch is (269) 948-4800. Please use this instead of the 800 number.

Kudos to Lake Two. Wow! The WinterFest was pretty cool...actually it was pretty cold.

Cindy, Thanks to you and everyone that helped, but can you arrange for a little bit more heat for next year.

Jo & Don



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Memorials

Did you know the PLA website at www.pinelk.org or www.pinkle.com has an area dedicated to Memorials? Please help keep Pine Lake a community by updating the website with recent losses to our community. We also welcome your pictures, birth announcements, special occasions and celebrations to be posted on the website. Since our last newsletter, we bring you the news of passing of some of our long-time Pine Lake residents:

James (Rocky) Langone, Ford's Point John Gregory (Greg) Nulty, Lake 2 Audrey Angeletti, Boniface Point Out thoughts and sympathy go out to their loved ones.



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Our current Sgt. at Arms, Ed Kornetti, has put together some points of discussion for possible changes to the structure of the PLA and also his thoughts on potential changes to ensure the continued existence of the Pine Lake Association. Please read his opinion in depth at the website: www.pinelk.org. The Sergeant - At - Arms has traditionally had the responsibility for making updates (as voted upon) to the By-laws, as well as making a periodic review of the By - laws.

Changes to the By-laws can only be voted upon at the Annual Membership (June) meeting. Be sure to attend the April 21st PLA meeting for more information on this and many other important items.

April 2011								
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Swim Time Anyone!!!

M.C.T.I. is a facility on Pine Lake that provides job training. It also has a pool that is made available for not just students.

Community Swim night has just ended for the winter season, with the last swim on March 30. Look for the schedule next season for great opportunities to have a family night out with popcorn or cookies at the concessions after your swim.

Also on Tuesday and Thursday you may swim laps or do your own water exercise from 1-2PM and do range of motion and cardio training with the instructor from 2-2:45PM and 3:45-5PM. Water noodles class is offered on Wednesday from 3:45-5PM.

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PLA Calendar of Events!

PLA Meeting Thursday, April 21st

2011 Membership Sign-ups Kick-off **Thursday,** April 21st

Buoy Drop Day Saturday, May 21st

PLA Newsletter Out and Fireworks Raffle Kick-off Target **Monday, June 6th**

PLA Annual Meeting and Vote Day Saturday, June 18th Annual Garage Sale Weekend Friday, Saturday, June 24th & 25th

4th of July Events Car Show at the Diner Friday, July 1st

Firework Display on Lake Two Sunday, July 3rd (Rain Date: July 4th)

Boat Parade Monday, July 4th

Turtle Races Tentatively Monday, July 4th

> PLA Meeting Thursday, August 18th

Annual Pig Roast Saturday, August 20th

Buoy Pull-out Days Saturday, September 10th & 17th

PLA Newsletter Out Target Monday, October 3rd

PLA Board Meeting **Thursday, October 13th**

PLA Meeting Thursday, October 20th

Children's Halloween Party Saturday, October 29th

PLA Buoy and Pontoon report

Submitted by Ed Kornetti

Last fall the pontoon boat used for buoy removal was in dire need of repairs. Upon removal from lake for storage it was found that one of the pontoons had developed a crack and was taking on water.... Literally... The best estimate was 150 gallons of water !!!

Pete Siebert offered us his floating pontoon raft in exchange for the old pontoon boat.

This spring I will need volunteers to strip the PLA pontoon boat and swap out components to the new PLA pontoon. The old deck needs to be welded and towed to Pete's designated spot.

As we swap out usable parts, the "new" Pontoon will need some mechanical repairs. This will be done by Pine Lake boat and Motor in time for the spring placement of buoys. Please review PLA event calendar for specific dates on buoy placement.

Please call Ed @ 269-664-4830 to volunteer time.



Halloween Party

The Halloween Party of 2010 was a HUGE success! We had a wonderful turn-out. It's amazing how many volunteers and donations have come in to support this party for our children and grandchildren. What a great community to live in!

Jorene Morrow 664-4684

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