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## **Message from the President**

Dear Neighbors

Another summer has come and gone. It was a successful summer a good summer. The fireworks show has gained rave reviews as the best ever, The Turtle races were a smashing success. The Pig Roast for the Fire Fighters had a good turn out and raised more money than the year before. The last Halloween party had the kids smiling with glee. A winter festival that was put on by Cindy Hook and got the lake out on a bitter cold day to enjoy the cold and snow. Garage sale had the best turn out and participation in years

From a distance it looks great and from a distance it is. It's kind of like that 20 foot rule with cars. The truth is we are losing ground after a good up turn my first year, we are down in membership, down in volunteers, and down in donations. At this point we are no where near having the funds to put on the same fireworks show we had this year, and the buoy fund is depleted.

I ask all of you my neighbors to step up, become part of your community, and be part of the Pine Lake Association. You can join at the website pinelk.org or pinelk.com. You can make donations at the same site using your credit card, or you can print out and mail. I would be pleased to come personally to your home to shake your hand, give you a smile, and say thank you.

With deepest Sincerity Scott Cook President of the Pine Lake Association. 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

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

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

### Join us! An Invitation from the "Prez"

I would love to get a group of us together and plan a caroling night for Friday, December 23 rd. Having walked every inch of this lake when I ran to be your President I know it is not possible to go door to door, but I am thinking of a few points on the lake where neighbors could gather and come out and share some of the joys of the season and join in the caroling would be a wonderful experience for all. You don't need to have a great voice just the desire to spread the joy of the holiday. My vision is to have a tractor pulling a wagon decorated for the holidays, with 20 or so carolers to a couple points around the lake. The neighbors in each area would come out with family and friends to be part of the caroling. Santa would be there for the kids, grand kids, and those young at heart.

The PLA would offer hot chocolate and coffee. Maybe we would have a few musicians who would take part.

I can close my eyes and see this as if it were happening; I can feel the warmth, and neighbors coming together. We must continue to try and find ways to bring us all together and the best time of the year to help build those feelings is the Christmas season. If we can agree that this is a worthy effort I promise it will be my last dream if it does not prove successful. It is a wonderful life!

Email at president@pinelk.org, or go to website pinelk.org for many more details. Let's do it!





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## Pine Lake Association Gives Donation to Pine Lake Fire Department

At the October 12, 2011, meeting of the Prairieville Township Board, Pine Lake Association President Scott Cook, presented a check for over \$1400.00 dollars to the Prairieville Township Pine Lake Fire Department to use toward the purchase of safety equipment to enhance the well being of our community. This money along with other money donated will be used to help purchase a Thermal Imaging Camera.

A Thermal Imaging Camera is a device that can be used to locate victims in limited sight conditions such as heavy smoke, fog, or other conditions with the absence of light. They are further used to detect "hot spots" or places that are still burning after a structure fire is thought to be put out, and they can be used to find overheated motors, wires or ballast resisters before they cause a fire. I think we have all experienced the dread of smelling "something hot" and then went on to search our house for hours trying to find the source. This device will be available to help us find that hot spot.



Township Supervisor Jim Stoneburner thanking President Scott Cook and the PLA for their generous donation to enhance the safety of our community.



At the Prairieville Township Board meeting in October, PLA President Scott Cook presenting Acting Pine Lake Fire Chief Bob Pence a check for \$1400. To be used to buy safety equipment for our community.

## **From the Secretary**

Yards raked, buoys in, docks in, boats in, block parties, point parties, garage sale, rafting off, fireworks, BBQ's, turtle races, fishing tournaments, swimming lessons, music, pig roast, boats out, docks out, leaves falling ...

Wow! Did we have fun?

Please support the Pine Lake Association by becoming a member or by continuing to be a member. Contribute to our various special projects like the fireworks, and offer to join us in our many fun projects.

We are going to try something different this coming year. We are going to send out invoices in January to all of the lake residents asking for a membership pledge and a recommended fireworks donation.

We hope that by doing this we will stimulate a larger membership in the Association and that we can get sufficient funding to match last year's fine fireworks display. There are around 600 homes on the lake, if each one of these residences donated \$20.00 to the fireworks fund, just imagine what a display we could have.

'Nuf said,

Hope you enjoyed the Summer.

## **Trick or Treat**

The annual Pine Lake Association Halloween costume party will be on October 29 at the Pine Lake Fire Station on Lindsey Rd. It will be from 1:00PM until 3:00PM. There will be a spook maze, games, arts and crafty stuff, snacks, and treats for the kiddies. Parents in costumes are very cool too. Plan on attending.

If you would like to help out with decorating, donating, serving or scaring

call Jorene Morrow at (269) 760-5871



### **Pine Lake Fun Facts!**

Rick Richmond, who is a retired school teacher from Cooper Elementary, has been doing the following survey for at least the past 15 years. He and his wife Jackie, have a cottage on lake one.

He found the following population on our lake.

Pontoons 408 IB/OB Power Boats 158 Personal Water Crafts (PWC) 105 Paddle Boats 152 Kayak/SailBoats/Row Boats 280 (includes 15 sail boats) Swim Rafts 118

He counted them whether they were in the water, or on shore...



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This is a great time of the year to meet with the Rivertown Team . Let's talk about how to prepare your lake home for the future. So you can provide family security and enjoyment for generations to come. <u>Watch for our Spring Open House!</u>

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### 2011 Pig Roast Recap!

When you are organizing a large community event with fresh food prep, entertainment, advertising weeks in advance, and dozens of volunteers jockeying personal schedules....a last minute rain date change is out of the question. So as I stood at the Pine Lake Recreation Center at 2:30 Saturday....with the Roast scheduled to begin at 4:00 and not a soul around....pouring rain....and no electric power in the entire area.....it seemed pretty hopeless.

But at 3:10, the faithful all descended at once and the band started setting up and entertaining the volunteers as the firefighters set up tables and chairs, two roasters arrived with two 180 lb succulent pigs aboard... masterfully prepared by Scott Cook and family, an army of corn shuckers went to task, servers started organizing the food distribution line....and I continued worrying if anyone would actually show up to eat. To further complicate matters, we couldn't do anything without water....so a gallant crew went in search of the somewhere in the community that actually had a working pump.

Lo and behold, diners began to show on queue, and since we had nothing ready...graciously joined the volunteers to continue preparation. By 5:00 (an hour late) our water bearers had located a source...the corn was boiled....pig pulled....lemonade was flowing as everyone dug in to a wonderful meal.

In the final analysis, even though by my count we only served about

### **Ribs vs. Ribs vs. Ribs**

We got talking the other day about rib recipes to use during the summer and needless to say many ideas came out of the discussion. Here are three BBQ Ribs recipes that really look good. Go ahead and try them and let us know what you think. Enter a comment on the ribs by posting to the Pine Lake Association Secretaries page <u>secretary@pinelk.org</u> or by going to the Pine Lake Association Facebook Group page <u>Pine Lake</u> <u>Association</u> or <u>http://www.facebook.com/home.php?</u>

### sk=group\_103027626401730 Rib I "Simple and Quick"

Boil your ribs in apple juice-then cover them with your favorite barbeque sauce and finish them in the oven. They come out super tender and great tasting.

### **Rib II "Little Bit More Commitment"**

Sauce: in a dish of sufficient size pour the contents of a store brand BBQ sauce, (prefer Original Open Pit, cheap and tangy)

Add the zest of one orange and juice of one orange (two if big bottle of sauce)

Add <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> - 1 cup of brown sugar (more for bigger bottle)

- Add garlic and onion seasoning to taste
- Mix well until sugar dissolves

Boil, Broil or Grill your ribs

Turn your heat down low, paint the ribs with the sauce, turning and painting until the ribs get a candy glaze.

### Rib III "Now We're Getting Serious"

- Ingredients
- 2 lbs. spare ribs 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 1 8 oz. can tomato sauce 2/3 C. ketchup
- 1/2 C. vinegar 1 C. pineapple juice
- 1/3 C. brown sugar 1 tsp. dry mustard

• 2 Tbs. Worcestershire • Thinly sliced onion and lemon Directions: Broil all sides of ribs, drain. Combine garlic, tomato sauce, ketchup, vinegar, pineapple juice, brown sugar, mustard and Worcestershire in a saucepan and bring to a boil. Pour over ribs, either in crockpot or roasting pan. Put lemon and onion slices on ribs. Bake uncovered 325 degrees for 1 1/2 hours. Spoon sauce over meat occasionally. "Huhm!" Wonder what happens if we took the prep from I, the sauce from II and added the spice and pineapple from III? Let us know. If you have a recipe that you would like to share in future newsletters send it to the secretaries. Summer drink recipes, non-alcoholic and those with a kick are invited too. Enjoy.

130 people vs. roughly 300 last year, we raised **\$1,402.00** for our brave volunteer firefighters and first responders. Yep, <u>more donations from</u> <u>less than half the people!!!!!!</u> Thank-you, Thank- you, Thank-you!!!!!! And the comments from those who attended were very positive as they were last year; that this event was very enjoyable with great food, great fellowship, and an opportunity to meet many new and wonderful friends from around the lake. And perhaps the most positive comments were in support of our entertainment...."Those Two Guys", Tim Tilbury and Lee Holdridge. They were **fantastic**!!!!

Thanks again to all who volunteered to make this possible....and all who generously contributed financially to the cause. Special thanks to **Hardings Market of Plainwell** for the donation of the wonderful sweet corn! I dare say it was the best this corn lover has ever experienced! **Pine Lake Grocery** and **Doster Store** were generous in donating ice to the cause. It was really appreciated. And thanks to Scott Cook the "Pigmiester" for donating the charcoal used to roast the hogs.

A personal thanks from me to all who served on the Pig Roast Planning Committee!

Want to see pictures from the Pig Roast? Go to the Pine Lake Association Web site select "Pictures around the Lake in the left menu column and scroll to "Pig Roast 2011"

Respectfully, Dave Riegel, Pig Roast- Committee Chair

### Notes from the Prairieville Police Department—Sgt. William Thompson

Hope you all had a fun and safe summer at Pine Lake.

The Prairieville Township Police Department offers a vacation check service for your property when you are gone. If you go out of town for several days or even those of you that are gone for long periods of time during the non-summer months, we will check your property for you. We will try to stop by and check your property daily while you are gone. (Frequency of inspections may vary, depending on calls for service.)

To have this service performed while you are away, come to the Police Department or the Township Hall, at 10115 S. Norris Rd., and ask for a vacation check request form. Fill out the form which will give us contact information and your anticipated return date, and we will check on your property.

"Meth" Unfortunately the illegal use of Methamphetamine is still prevalent in southwest Michigan. The common method used to make this illegal drug, is very dangerous and causes hazardous waste materials to be discarded in and around the countryside. The most often seen remnants of these "cook" operations are 2 liter pop bottles with a hose sticking out of it. There may also be various cans or bottle of common household products lying around near the bottle.

If you see what you think is a meth dump or suspect an active cook is being done, contact the police by calling Central Dispatch (269-948-4800). Do not handle these materials yourself.

As always, if you have an emergency, dial 911. If you have non-emergency matters that you need to have a police officer respond to, call (269) 948-4800. If you would like to talk to a Prairieville Officer you may call 623-2691 and either talk to the duty officer or leave a message and they will return you call. Oh Ya! One more thing.....Take your keys our of your vehicles when you're not using them even in your garage. The last stolen vehicle we had was a crime of opportunity. The person that stole the car noticed that the keys were in it and said " why not?"



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### **Buoy oh Buoy!**

Super Thanks! to Ed, Scott, Greg, and Don for braving the elements on September 10, to pull the buoys from the lake. Actually the weather and the day was wonderful, buoys came out with a minimal amount of damage or injury.

Several of the buoys will have to be replaced, just too beat up to fix. Ed will look at them over the winter and get an estimate to the Board. We did have to have some mechanical work done on our steering and the motor, but Pine Lake Boat and Motor helped us out and the boat is in pretty good shape. We are still considering putting some type of jib crane or lifting device on the 'toon to relieve the stress to the backs of the crewmen or women.

Buoy placement: There are no specified locations for the buoys to be put out in the spring. We place them hoping that the lake level with either rise or fall as we anticipate going into the summer. That does not always happen and we do go out and make adjustments. Occasionally a buoy will break loose or be maliciously moved. If you see the buoys are obviously out of place, let us know and we will try to get them back in alignment.

We as boat operators have the ultimate responsibility to assess the depth of the lake and the condition of the bottom when determining where to motor at what speeds. Trim up and slow down if there is any question.

We will post the buoy drop date in the spring newsletter and on the web pages. Have a great autumn and winter and we will see ya back on the lake next spring.

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### The Prairieville Township Pine Lake Fire Department

The Prairieville Township Pine Lake Fire Department (PTPLFD) would like to again thank the good people of Pine Lake for the very generous donation that we have received from the 2011 Pig Roast. We had a lot of fun setting up for and helping with the event. The weather and the power outage just gave us a little bit more of a challenge.

<u>Burn Permits:</u> It that time of the year when leaves are raked up and yards are tidied up. If you plan on burning your yard debris without using a burn barrel please call and get a burn permit. It is simple to do, just call Central Dispatch at (269) 948-4800 and advise the dispatcher that you need a permit. They will check to see if burning is being allowed by the DNR and then ask a few questions to insure that you burning in a safe location. By Dispatch knowing about the burn locations, they can filter calls about heavy smoke or flames that would prompt sending one or more fire departments to investigate

### Halloween:

State Fire Marshal Ronald R. Farr and the PTPLFD encourages families to take extra safety precautions to reduce fire risk and avoid burn injuries during Halloween where hidden dangers also come in disguise. "On Halloween there's a significant increase in home fires and burn-related injuries "Make sure the costumes are flame-resistant and will not ignite easily. When decorating inside or outside the home, do it safely, and have working smoke alarms."

Here are some tips to avoid frightful fire hazards:

• Buy only costumes, fabric and accessories labeled flame-resistant or flameretardant made with material that won't easily ignite if exposed to heat or flame and will extinguish more readily.

• Avoid baggy, billowing or oversized costumes that are dangerous around lit Candles or open flames.

• Avoid masks and over-the-head costumes, which can impede vision or make removal difficult in the event of fire; use face paint or make-up instead.

• Teach children to "Stop, Drop and Roll" if their clothing catches fire to smother spreading flames. Have them practice stopping immediately, dropping to the ground, covering their face with hands, and rolling over and over to put the flames out.

• Use only decorative lights that have been tested and certified for safety. Check lights, new or old, for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections. Discard damaged sets.

• Don't overload electrical outlets or extension cords with holiday lighting or special effects.

- Make sure to have working smoke alarms in the home and set up a home fire escape route.
- Remember to keep exits clear of decorations, ensuring nothing blocks escape routes. **Test Your Alarm for Life!**

Daylight saving time ends in November. The PTPLFD would like to remind you to test your smoke alarm batteries when you change your clocks. Smoke alarm batteries should be changed *at least* once a year. Your smoke alarm has the power to save your life. Or does it? If you haven't tested your smoke alarm lately, it may not be working. And that's a risk you can't afford to take. Working smoke alarms give you early warning of a fire, providing extra time to escape safely. But they can't do their job if you haven't done yours – monthly testing to make sure they're working. Test all the smoke alarms in your home. For the life of the alarm and for the lives of your loved ones.





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