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You are receiving this issue via "snail mail" to ensure all Pine Lake residents have a hard copy of the membership form and to verify mailing addresses.

Message from the President

Dear Lake Residents,

Support your lake by becoming involved and make a difference! Again if you have been waiting to be asked I am asking. I would be happy to do so in person just let me know. Wonder what's needed? Our website is up to date.

Please plan on attending the annual meeting on June 18th 2011.

I have an open door policy, I am not the President I am your neighbor. I can be reached at 664-5098, I would love to hear from you.

Please plan on having a safe and fun summer.

Scott Cook

TICKETS, TICKETS, TICKETS

Fireworks Raffle time again!! Since most of us really enjoy the fireworks we want to continue to have them each year. AND that takes money!!!!

If you can sell tickets OR know 2 or 3 people who would be willing, please call Nancy Green (664-6934) or Chris Harper (664-6059). You maybe choose any number of tickets (up to 5,000) that you think that you or those you recruit can sell. Tickets are the same price as last year, \$2.00 each, or 6 for \$10.00. The first three prizes are cash prizes of \$400.00, \$200.00, and \$100.00. There are a number of merchandise and service prizes such as ice cream, pizza, breakfasts, dinners etc. All prizes have been donated by individuals, businesses, and other organizations in our community.

Your efforts and purchases will help us to continue having our 4th of July shows for coming years.

Chris Harper Raffle Committee.



Treasurer's Two-Cents Worth

I never would have thought that when I raised my hand to volunteer as the Treasurer for the PLA during a meeting at MCTI, that I would still be in that position three and a half years later. It has been such a positive experience! Because of all the new people that I have met, new and special friends that I have made, and all the new things that I have learned, I am very grateful for that opportunity. Thank you Pine Lake community!

Now I am stepping down, as Doug and I have moved from the lake. I need to ask all of you to consider running for the position of Treasurer on the PLA board. It will not take up a lot of your time and will avail you to get more involved, have a voice in decision making, and give you an opportunity to share ideas, make new friends, and stay abreast of all the happenings around the lake. I promise you a great experience. This is the time of year when all the summer activity and excitement begins and we start our annual membership drive. Please remember to fill out your membership form at the back of the newsletter and send it in with your dues, donations for the Fireworks Fund and the Buoy Fund. Let's keep the July 4th holiday events a time for family and friends to enjoy the recreation of the lake and build on those wonderful memories.

I hope for a record number of attendees at our next Annual Meeting on Sat. June 18th!

Dianne DeYoung Treasurer PLA

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

Use Your Electronic Mail Box!

Just send your email address to: Joanna and Don Haneckow secretary@pinelk.org (664-6677)

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You've signed up for email delivery but you're not getting your PLA Newsletter ? Let us know. Changed your email address lately? Don't forget to include the PLA in notifying of any changes. Thanks!

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Signs



Last year Scott Cook worked to get us a significant amount of mulch, shrubs, and flowers to use to spruce up our road signs and Point signs. Thanks to Harding's and DeYoung's. We have done a lot of sprucing since then.

Hey! When Bud Adams of Breezy Point found out about the improvements being done, he decided that the sign should be improved too. So he hand crafted a sign for Breezy Point and then placed it on our garden spot at Lindsey Rd.

Well! We like it a lot. Thanks so much to Bud for the time and effort he put into the making of this sign. As a woodworker, I realize how much time this took.

Here is a photo of the sign that Bud crafted for us very fortunate folks on Breezy Pt. Wow!



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Sat., June 18

9:00AM

MCTI Kellogg-Chapman Lodge

WIN ... if you attend the annual meeting you'll be entered in a drawing for a PLA T-Shirt or Dinner at the Pine Lake Diner!

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Stay Safe On Pine Lake!

Barry County Sheriff's Department Marine Patrol, Sgt. Julie Jones gives us a list of the most common violations observed on the lakes. The Marine Deputies do patrol on Pine Lake and they take enforcement action to enhance the safety of all of us. I guess I would feel kind of silly if I get stopped for one of the noted violations after having been given this list.

If you have emergencies on the lake, call "911". If you need to talk to a Marine Deputy call Central Dispatch at (269) 948 4800.

10 MOST COMMON MARINE LAW VIOLATIONS

ALL WATERCRAFT SHALL BE EQUIPPED WITH A COAST GUARD APPROVED **PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICE** (PFD) OF APPROPRI-ATE SIZE FOR EACH PASSENGER. BOATS OVER 16' REQUIRE A COAST GUARD AP-PROVED THROWABLE DEVICE. PERSONAL WATERCRAFTS (PWC) OCCUPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR PFDs. CHILDREN UN-DER 6 MUST WEAR A PFD WHILE ON A VESSEL WHICH IS UNDERWAY.

VESSELS ARE REQUIRED TO OPERATE AT A SLOW, NO WAKE SPEED WITHIN 100 FEET FROM ANY RAFT, DOCK, OCCUPIED SWIM AREAS, ACHORED OR MOORED VESSELS. THE SPEED LIMIT FOR AN INLAND LAKE IS 55 M.P.H.

WATERCRAFT SHALL TRAVEL IN A COUNTER -CLOCKWISE DIRECTION AROUND THE LAKE.



AN OPERATOR OF A VESSEL SHALL NOT BE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS.

OCCUPANTS OF A VESSEL SHALL NOT SIT OR STAND IN AN AREA NOT BUILT TO BE STOOD OR SAT UPON WHILE THE BOAT IS UNDERWAY, i.e. SEATBACKS, DECKS, BOW AND GUNWALES.

- WATERCRAFT MUST HAVE **PROPER LIGHT**-**ING** FROM SUNSET TO SUNRISE.
- A **PERSONAL WATERCRAFT (PWC)** MAY BE OPERATED DURING THE HOURS BETWEEN 8:00 AM UNTIL SUNSET.
- PERSONS BORN AFTER DECEMBER 31, 1978 MUST HAVE A **BOATERS SAFETY CER-TIFICATE** WHEN OPERATING A PWC. THE MINIMUM AGE FOR OPERATING A PWC IS 14. STARTING OCTOBER 2011, THE MIMI-NUM AGE IS 16. TO OPERATE A (NON-PWC) MOTORIZED BOAT OVER 6 H.P., THE OP-ERATOR MUST BE A MINIMUM AGE OF 12 WITH A BOATERS SAFETY CERTIFICATE UNTIL AGE 16.
- A PWC MAY NOT CROSS THE WAKE OF AN-OTHER NON PWC WATERCRAFT WITHIN **150 FEET** OF THE BOAT'S STERN UNLESS AT A SLOW NO WAKE SPEED.
- WATER SKIING IS LEGAL BETWEEN 1 HOUR BEFORE SUNRISE UNTIL 1 HOUR AFTER SUNSET. AN OBSERVER OTHER THAN THE OPERATOR OF THE VESSEL IS REQUIRED.

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Buoy update

Depending on weather buoys will be dropped on 5/21/11. I will inspect buoys may need to replace a few for the up coming season. Pine Lake Boat and motor has made updates and repairs to PLA pontoon! Thanks to The staff and crew at Pine Lake Boat & Motor !!

If anyone spots a buoy out of place or has suggestions to placement please contact PLA board. We can always use volunteers to help with cleaning, maintenance, placement and retrieval. Thanks to Don Haneckow, Scott Cook, Jeff Bishop for the help in storage and repairs this winter. Thanks to Pete Seibert for the pontoon that we have re-conditioned into a sea-worthy craft !! The old pontoon was fixed (had a leaky "tube") and stripped of usable parts .. Pine Lake Boat and Motor made the necessary updates and repairs.

Sgt. Of arms update:

Nothing to report ... Just remember our annual meeting in June is the only time that the by laws can be changed or amended. One proposal is to change the number of meetings to a total of 4 per year I propose to have Meetings in January, March, June, September and keep meetings to 3rd Thursday of month and 3rd Saturday for the annual meeting. In the bylaws we can always notify public 5 days prior if an extra meeting would be needed.



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And the race is on!!! Join in the fun on July 4th at MCTI.

You are not in Kentucky and the grass is not blue, but you will feel the excitement of the race nonetheless. Our families and children on Pine Lake are privileged to have Nancy and her Team coordinate and to have MCTI and all their volunteers lend a hand to make our Turtle Race a meaningful, environmentally safe, and fun event.

Here are some questions and answers about the race.

How do I safely get my winning turtle? Have an adult or teenager work with you to catch a turtle by safely scooping him or her up with a net and placing him or her in a bucket with a little water. Be sure you wash your hands as you handle your turtle as salmonella and other kinds of contamination may be present. Not the turtle's fault, it is part of their nature.

How are the turtles tracked during the race? Each turtle is assigned a number before the race.

How is the race run? The race is run in small groups with the turtles treated gently and the circle run area cleared so none are stepped on or injured.

What do I do with my turtle after the race? Return him or her to their home. Return him or her to a location as close as you can to where you found them. Thank him or her for being your running buddy and promise to look for them next year.

Remember, the little ones do well too!



ANNUAL PINE LAKE GARAGE SALES

Friday, June 24th 9-5 & Saturday, June 25th 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 me before Monday, June 20th in order for the location of your sale to go on the lakewide 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: Kathie Yarworth, 11727 Fords Pt., Plainwell, MI 49080

Benefit of being a Pine Lake Association Member? Free garage sale. You may register on line by sending Name, Address, and Phone to garagesale@pinelk.org



PLA Calendar of Events!

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 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

Report from the Prairieville Township Pine Lake Fire Department

June 2011

First off "Thanks Again" for the fine appreciation Pig Roast last Fall. We know a lot of work went into making it happen. Again "Thanks."

The moneys raised from the pig roast have been used to replace the old flagpole. The new one is more vandal proof and easier for us to raise and lower the flag to half-staff when necessary. (See photo attachment)

The balance of the money donated is being used to improve some of our uniforms and as seed money to buy a Thermal Imaging Camera. This is a device that helps us find hidden fire in floors, walls, and attics. It also can be used to locate people in intense smoke filled rooms. In 2010, we responded to 175 calls for service in the township that's up 25 from the previous year. 19 fires, 12 vehicle crashes requiring extrication or on scene first aid, 125 requests for medical assistance and various other calls through out the Township.

We make a lot of medical runs in the area of Pine Lake, often late at night or in inclement weather. Please take some time and insure that the numbers for your house or cottage are easily visible from the road.

Have a safe and fun summer. Always be mindful of the children in and around the lake.

As always if you have an emergency call 911. 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.







Look at them! Could they have any more fun than this? Photo from last year's Turtle Races.

Fishing **Committee:**

If anyone would be able and willing to help me set up fishing tournaments please call Ed @269-664-4830 Would like to have tournaments - one in Summer .. (crappie tournament?) and one in winter (for all you ice fishing fiends!!) This is a great opportunity to enjoy the lake and natural resources !!! Plus it's great fun!

> *See Page 12 For Garage Sale* Information

Boat on the Loose

There is a pontoon boat that has been in the water over the winter. It is currently tied off on lake 4 just off Cedar St. The registration number is MC0516LS. I am not going to give a very detailed description of the pontoon. You should be able to figure out if yours is missing. Please come get it.



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LAKE WOTICE - all dues received after the April 21, 2011 meet- ing will be applied to the 2011-12	First Year On Pine Lake: YES, I would like to contacted regarding volunteer opportunities with the PLA!	
ASSOCIATION membership year.	Qty. Description	Amount
Membership: June 1st to June 1st (membership year). Dues accepted at any time, however not pro-rated. Must be paid in order to vote; 2 votes per household.	June 1st—June 1st PLA Membe Buoy Fund Donation Fireworks Donation	rship Dues (1 year) S 25.00
Name:	Misc. Contribution	
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Mailing Address (if different than Lake Address):	Your Comments / Suggestions:	
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