

Pentwater Lake Association

October 2017



President's Message

By Lynne Cavazos

The poem, "Advice from a Tree," by Ilan Shamir is one of my favorites because of the joy and peace it brings to me every time I read it. Shamir's message is important and meaningful as we approach the changing season and an uncertain future.

Advice from a Tree

By Ilan Shamir



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Dear Friend,
 Stand Tall and Proud
 Sink your roots deeply into the Earth
 Reflect the light of a greater source
 Think long term
 Go out on a limb
 Remember your place among all living beings
 Embrace with joy the changing seasons
 For each yields its own abundance
 The Energy and Birth of Spring
 The Growth and Contentment of Summer
 The Wisdom to let go of leaves in the Fall
 The Rest and Quiet Renewal of Winter
 Feel the wind and the sun
 And delight in their presence
 Look up at the moon that shines down upon you
 And the mystery of the stars at night.
 Seek nourishment from the good things in life
 Simple pleasures
 Earth, fresh air, light
 Be content with your natural beauty
 Drink plenty of water
 Let your limbs sway and dance in the breezes
 Be flexible
 Remember your roots
 Enjoy the view!



Thank You Mother Nature for not Raining Out Our Annual PLA Fundraiser...

This year's Strawberry Shortcake Social was again held at the Village Green on Thursday evening, the first day of Homecoming in August. The weather was unpredictable again and fortunately the rain held off until about 8:15 PM. The Clown Band and Civic Band played until the rain and threat of lightning forced everyone to find shelter. This is the second year that the weather has not been cooperative but we were lucky that the volunteers were able to sell strawberry shortcakes from 6:00 PM – 8:15PM before the rain. The work of the Social Committee and Volunteers netted over \$1000, which is wonderful, considering the challenging weather conditions! The funds are used to monitor and maintain the health and welfare of the Lake, and to help provide members with our quarterly newsletter and annual Directory.



Thank You to Our Special Strawberry Social Volunteers ...

Since 1999, we have had many members volunteer to help with the Social each summer, and without them, this event would not take place.

Lynne Cavazos, Social Chair, and Caroline Denlar worked together to organize the event this year. We are grateful to all of the volunteers who helped with set-up, worked on the serving line, did "go-for" duties, and helped out with takedown and clean up.

Our veteran volunteers include Caroline Schwass and Mitch Schwass, Terry and Judy Coburn, Jeanne Bentley, Paul Anderson, Hank Oly, Susan MacGregor, Mac McCaleb, George Richey, Fred and Valerie McHugh, Joe Primozych, Candi and Errol Goldman, Patrick Hooyman, Norm and Rhonda Shotwell, and Jenna Winn.

A special thank you to our new volunteers this year, AnnaMae and Pete Bush, Michele and Kevin Dolle, Joan and Jim Carney, John Faas, Maggie Hooyman, and Evan Anderson .

PLA Membership Report:

At the end of the first week in September, our association has 20 new members. We now have 227 members. Many of our new members were recruited by our long-time members and we thank you for your efforts. Please continue to encourage your friends and neighbors, who use and appreciate our lake, that their support and membership would be appropriate. Please remember that ours is not a riparian association only for those who live on the lake, but for all who benefit from Pentwater Lake's beauty and the opportunities for recreational activities that it affords. A warm welcome to the following new members:

1. Dale & Jill Becker
2. Robert & Helen Carson
3. Mike and Susan Castor
4. Kevin & Michele Dolle
5. Patrick & Anna Fuller
6. Jennie & Bob Hill
7. Claudia & Jerry Hodan
8. Kevin & Kim Kerr
9. Jim Lambrich
10. Brent & Jill Lohrmann
11. Allen & Gloria Palmbo
12. A.T. & Pandora Payne
13. Ken Prior
14. Brian & Joan Schaezner
15. Robert & Sue Spreenberg
16. Maisie & Jim Stears
17. Agostino & Kerri Vitale
18. Gary & Reba Peterson
19. Crais & Lorie Cihak
20. Buz & Margot Graettinger
21. Dan & Jody TerHaar

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Lake Association Web Master

The Pentwater Lake Association (PLA) is looking for a volunteer to become the manager of its website.

The PLA's web site is:
www.pentwaterlakeassociation.org

The PLA Board believes that the web site needs to be evaluated for its usefulness and given a more modern format. This evaluation may also require the services of a professional web page creator. Please respond to George Richey at georg421@charter.net or at 231-869-2474 if you would be willing to take on this project.

Summer of 17 Best Catches in and Around Pentwater Lake

Stories told of Pentwater Lake Fish caught.

- 8.5 inch bluegill caught at weed edge in mid lake
- 14 inch bullhead taken at the village marina
- 36 inch northern pike landed in the channel
- 10.5 inch perch caught at the south side launch
- 8 inch pumpkinseed caught at the east end of lake
- 9 inch rock bass caught in weed bed on north side
- 6 # drum or sheepshead taken in the channel



Pentwater Sport Fishing Association winners of the Yearly Big Fish Contest

- King Salmon - 30.75# by Steve Bandkau
- Lake Trout - 15.6# by Scott Neilly
- Brown Trout - 6.0# by Gary Hickman
- Steelhead Trout - 13.5# by Dean Jessup
- Coho Salmon - 17.6# by Ken Wagner



**Have you seen the proposed
“Pentwater Design Presentation?”**

For these concepts of Steve Bass to come to reality will truly take a Village!
 While leadership will come from the Village Manager,
 Buildings and Grounds Committee,
 and DDA and the Planning Commission.
 The talent and volunteerism of all of Pentwater will be needed!
 As we move forward the priority of plans will be communicated as they develop.

Go to: pentwaterdesign.weebly.com/

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To the right is a small sample (of over 60 slides)

See the slides as presented on the website.





Free Beaches – Using Beachrollers

By Joe Primozich

The best way to control aquatic vegetation, invasive or native, was demonstrated by six riparians, or lake residents, this summer. They acquired a beachroller and removed aquatic plants from their lake bottom that were a shoreline nuisance. Whether to restore swimming areas or clear vegetation for boat traffic, the beachroller got the job done. Here is how it works and helps the lake out.

The two foot plastic roller is set with 6 rows of blades at different angles to entangle plant stems in order to pull out normally 2 inch root systems with the plant. The result is a lake bottom that is plant free. The 16 # roller has a 15 foot handle and is easily rolled on the bottom to work clearing plants. The bottom stays plant free for over a month before another clearing is needed. Using it on 2 foot plants is the most effective.

Without dead plant matter from chemical treatment, the algae blooms have no new nutrients to be successful. Pan fish thrive here as they are visual feeders and love open areas or edges on vegetation. This helps the fishery at your docks for grandkids.

Vegetation pulled can be stacked on shore for two days and will lose 80% of its weight due to water loss. The chemically untreated vegetation can be put in a garden as green manure or taken to the township recycle station and added to the leaves for mulch.

This is a healthy alternative for all aspects of our Pentwater Lake Resources which we play in and on.



Natural Resources Committee Report

By Joe Primozich

The three juvenile eagles from the June 30 fallen Eagle nest tree, have been spotted often staging and practicing catching game or fish on the river/lake shorelines. They are doing well.

The salmon run up the river to spawn will be fully underway by the end of September. A small school of king salmon was at the head of the lake the last few days of August. By this reading they are upstream.

Water Quality Committee Report

By Joe Primozich

The Water Quality Committee members collected water samples at two locations in the lake proper and at the mouths of the S. Branch and N. Branches of the Pentwater River, and on Pine Creek, below the village water treatment facility, during 2017. Samples were collected 4 times over the summer during the first weeks of June, July, August and September. These were analyzed for coliform bacteria, nitrogen and phosphorus forms, chlorides and sulfates.

We also test for water clarity. All results have not been received from the laboratory, but results from the early sample dates indicate results in line with past year results. Total phosphorus, a key nutrient of concern for Pentwater Lake, continues to be recorded at 10-20 ppb, consistent with previous years.

Environmental Safe Guard

By Joe Primozich

Latex paints are not accepted by the county hazardous waste program. So the best way to handle them is to open the can of left over paint and add sawdust to the can and stir with a stick.

When the mix gets to be a gooey sticky ball roll it out on a brown paper bag in the sun and let it dry before putting it in the garbage. Dry latex paint is not a threat to our ground water.

It is Wild Celery Season

By Joe Primozich



Wild celery is not a season that we look forward to like our summer or fall. For lake users and shoreline riparians it is a season of frustration. The native bottom plant, wild celery, is rapidly growing and once dislodged is floating freely on the surface of our lake. Let's read below what this native aquatic plant is all about and how can we cope with it from the first of July until the end of the lake growing season.

Wild celery is a low growing native plant with the potential to get up to 6 feet tall. We are witnessing this during this summer on our lake. It germinates late and does not reach full growth until July and August. The late blooming wild celery will take over areas of controlled plant removal and develop in its place. The plant has few branches and provides good habitat for fish. It is most highly prized as food by waterfowl. It has a root system of about a half an inch. Wave action can uproot this leafy, tall stemmed plant and cause it to float to the surface. The wind gathers the floating vegetation and makes floating mats that frustrate those who use the lake in July through September.



These floating mats are 90% wild celery. Upon talking to lake researchers at GVSU they told me to expect the wild celery boom to continue as long as we have high water. The new addition of 18 inches of water since April of 2016, has made the shallows cooler and very suited to germinating the wild celery. When the shoreline was shallower and warmer the celery could not germinate or start its growth.



So how are we coping with it? On the east end of the lake a group of six volunteers is pitch forking it and drying it before moving it to a land site as green manure on food plots. The projection for next year is two fold. One is to have a pontoon barge that can take the vegetation and remove it. Another idea is to create a floating rake to pull the floating mats and bring them to a spot for removal. We are working with Michigan Tech, GVSU, and Michigan State to see what new ideas can be brought to the table to help in this matter. The wild celery season is upon us, see where you and your neighbors can work to remove it. If not we will hopefully have a different approach to removing it for next year.

NEWS BYTES FROM HERE & THERE... By AnnaMae Bush



Pentwater Police Department reminds us this is the season for residents to file property inspection forms if they plan to leave town for an extended time and would like the local police to check their home for storm damage or other problems. Stop downtown to complete a request form and our trusty officers will note each time they stop by your property.



Pentwater Library news:

The Return of The Haunted Library, Tuesday, October 31, 5-7PM. Bring the kids for trick or treat! The library staff has a series of four events on the theme that Christmas is For Kids. Mark your calendars for Monday, Nov. 27, 6:30-8:00pm, and for the first three Saturdays in December. On December 2 at 11am, watch a movie; on December 9, 9-11am, make an ornament; on December 16, make some fun holiday snacks to take home.



During the month of October, the **Downtown Development Authority** invites us to check out the prizewinners of the September Scarecrow Contest. Enjoy the creations of our imaginative merchants and support their businesses so our downtown remains vibrant this fall. Join in the October 14 fun of Oktoberfest and invite the children in your life for a visit to carve pumpkins and to participate in the Spooktacular Parade October 28th. Don't miss the annual Festival of Lights on November 25th.

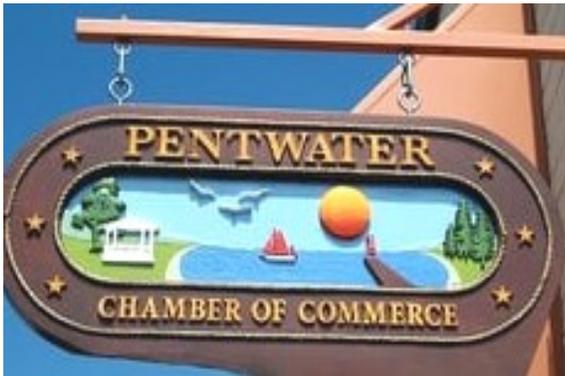


Do you have a wedding or other special event on your fall calendar? If you need some shoes with bling or a fancy party dress, check the inventory of MIA'S at the back of Cenzo's Market. Prepare to be surprised and be sure to bring your check book or credit card.

This fall (starting in September) the inside of our iconic water tower downtown will be repainted. The downside is there will be less water available for extinguishing fires and the FD will need to use other sources for water in case of fire.

As Smoky says, "Remember – only YOU can prevent forest fires!" The Village President Jeff Hodges reports our FD is getting rated higher each year and this translates into better insurance rates for residents.

NEWS BYTES FROM HERE & THERE... continued



Chamber of Commerce urges us to check out pentwaterdesign.weebly.com for important information and visual representations of the Streetscape Pentwater Design. The timetable calls for a partial implementation of the design between 2nd and 3rd streets next spring.

The Chamber continues its tradition of “Business After Hours” this fall, a monthly social gathering to learn more about local businesses. Watch the Chamber website calendar for locations, dates and details. In December the Annual Christmas Craft Fair will be held December 2 and the COVE Benefit afternoon tea will be held at LITES clubhouse on Sunday, December 10.

The **Friendship Center** hosts a Flu Shot Clinic on October 3. Although local restaurant options for lunch are very few, the Friendship Center provides healthy, tasty lunches every weekday Monday – Friday for a modest donation.

Simply call Deb Flood at (231) 869-7901 for reservations at least one day in advance of your attendance. FREE lunch is offered October 31 to any guest who comes in a Halloween costume and to any veteran who comes for lunch on November 10. Being a senior has its privileges!



Calendar of Events

- Oct. 14 Classic Car & Hot Rod Show - 10AM- 3PM
- Oct. 14 COVE Home Tour 10AM - 4PM Tickets available at the Homes & top of Village Green
- Oct. 14 Kids Activities 11AM - 1PM on the Village Green
- Oct. 28 Halloween on the Green - Village Green at 1PM
- Oct. 28 Spooktacular Parade - NEW TIME! 3:30PM
- Oct. 31 The Return of the Haunted Library 5 - 8 PM
- Oct. 31 Recycling Center Closes at 6 pm today until April 2018
- Oct. 31 Pentwater Village Trick or Treating, 5 - 8 PM



Nov. 24 Advent Market & Craft Fair—St. Vincent’s Hall 9:30AM - 2:30PM

Nov. 25 Santa Celebrates Christmas in the Village 5 - 7PM

Nov. 25-26 Merchant Open House Saturday Noon to 6PM

Sunday Noon to 4PM

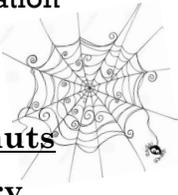


Dec. 2 Christmas Craft Fair - Pentwater School Gym - 9AM-3PM

Dec. 10 COVE Benefit - Afternoon Holiday Tea at The Cottages Clubhouse - 1:30-4PM



Cottages Club House in Pentwater



**Annual Oktoberfest /Annual Classic
Car Show – October 13th & 14th**



Pentwater’s Oktoberfest is growing bigger every fall. The Grand Sponsors are The Village Café & Pub and GGTM Law. Activities start Friday night and wrap up on Saturday. There are activities for all ages and many interests. See the Pentwater Chamber web for details.

Spooktacular Weekend

Halloween on the Village Green



Come to the Village Green on October 28th at 1PM for a variety of fun activities to celebrate Halloween. There will be a Costume Contest, Face Painting, Pumpkin Painting, Sack Race, Great Pumpkin Roll, Candy Bags, Crafts and Egg Toss.

Spooktacular Parade: October 28th

The Annual Halloween Spooktacular Parade will be held Saturday, October 28th at 3:30PM in down town Pentwater. The parade is open to all school classes, individuals, families, merchants and pets so consider being in the parade this year. Be as creative as you like, making floats or come in a costume. Parents are welcome to walk with the kids.

PUB Crawl: October 28th

Join your friends, on October 28th at 6:00 PM, for the annual PUB Crawl. Visit all of the local watering holes for ghoulish food, scary drinks, and spooky treats.

Spooktacular Weekend

**Trick or Treating, Homemade Donuts
& Return of the Haunted Library**

Children can Trick or Treat in the Village of Pentwater on October 31st from 5 to 8PM. Please remind your children and grandchildren to go to homes that have their porch lights on. There will be free homemade donuts provided by the Pentwater Fire Department at the Fire Station. (486 E Park Street, Pentwater, MI) at 5PM. Return of the “Haunted Library” 5 - 8PM. For more information call 231-869-8531.

**Festival of Lights:
November 25th at 5 PM**



Enjoy an old Fashioned Christmas in Pentwater. Events will include a Tree Lighting, Santa’s Arrival, Christmas Decorating Contests for Businesses and residents, Merchant Open Houses, Carolers, free Horse Drawn Carriage Rides, Christmas Menus, Specials, Alumni Basketball Game and more!

Merchants’ Open House: November 25th - 26th

Visit the merchant open houses with refreshments, food, and in store specials. Remember to Shop Local. In addition to the open houses, there will be carolers, chestnuts roasting, and horse drawn carriage rides to transport you, your family and friends up and down Hancock.



**Christmas in the Village:
December 1st - 31st**

Enjoy a festive atmosphere on main-street with its shops, art galleries and restaurants decked out for the season. Remember the Merchants’ Open Houses.



Storybook Village on Hancock Street



“DO WE REALLY HAVE TO WEAR THEM?”

By AnnaMae Bush

Have you ever watched a frustrated parent struggle to fasten a life jacket on a screaming toddler who mightily fights the confinement of a jacket required by law? A type 1 or type 2 jacket that encircles the neck and fastens under the chin is bulky and uncomfortable, so adults can understand the resistance. After all, they often choose not to wear life jackets either while riding in a boat, but rather store them elsewhere onboard – usually out of sight in compartments under the seats.

Yet our safety depends on using them. Boater safety class graduates know there are five types of personal flotation devices (PFDs/ life jackets) with differing designated uses. Each is specified for limited weight categories and is not safe beyond its maximum capacity or in all circumstances. So, it is very important to read and follow the label restrictions on all PFDs. Life jackets can become moldy and smelly if stored in boat compartments before they are completely dried after usage. Children’s life jackets can be purchased in light-weight, dense foam that can be wiped dry with a towel immediately after usage.

Requirements all boaters should know:

- ◆ Boats need to be equipped with PFDs for everyone that is onboard or is being towed.
- ◆ The US Coast Guard requires the PFDs to be the proper size for each person.
- ◆ All kayaks, canoes, or boats less than 16’ long must have a wearable or throwable PFD for each occupant.
- ◆ All boats 16’ long or larger must have a readily accessible throwable PFD onboard.
- ◆ Michigan law requires all children under 6 TO WEAR a coast guard approved type 1 or type 2 PFD when riding on the deck of any moving boat.
- ◆ Anyone riding on a Personal Water Craft (jet ski) or being towed behind any vehicle MUST WEAR a coast guard approved type 1, 2, or 3 PFD.
- ◆ Inflatable PFDs are NOT allowed on jet ski occupants or anyone being towed behind a vessel.



Here are brief descriptions and uses of the five different types of PFD:

Type 1 – Offshore life jackets for rough or remote waters where rescue may be delayed. They offer maximum buoyancy and provide the best chance for turning persons face up in the water. They have a cushion behind the neck that is attached to two chest panels or full jackets that can be zippered for very young children.



Type 2 – Near-shore vests for calm waters and prompt rescue. These look similar to type one, but have less capacity for turning persons up in the water.

Type 3 – Wearable flotation aids. These can be vests or jackets, again primarily for calm water and quick rescue. They are not designed to turn persons face up. These are used for water sports and some are made to inflate when a person enters the water.

Type 4 – Throwable devices. These are designed to be thrown to someone in trouble, not meant to be worn. The circular form is often installed near swim areas or boat docks for emergency use, and the square form doubles as a seat cushion when kept in boats or kayaks.



Type 5 – Special use devices. These are designed for specifically designated purposes such as windsurfing, kayaking, or skiing. They must be used only according to label instructions.



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PENTWATER LAKE ASSOCIATION

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Membership Application

Date _____

Membership Application

____ Renewal

____ New Member

Applicant Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Local Address: Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Mailing Address Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone(s): Local _____ Home _____

Email Address: _____

Email Newsletter (**In Color**) ____ or Mail Hard Copy Newsletter via P.O. (Black & White) ____

Dues: Yearly Family Membership (one vote), from July 1 through June 30 \$ **30.00**

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