

Pentwater Lake Association Newsletter

February 2023

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President's Message: George Richey

Ice Fishing 101

Have you ever tried ice fishing on Pentwater Lake? As of this writing, I'm not sure we are going to have safe ice this winter. Anyway, I'm sure you have seen the ice shanties on the lake in past years when the winter weather finally stayed cold long enough to get "good" ice (at least 4 inches of "solid" ice for foot traffic). Actually, we had great ice fishing conditions in West Michigan last winter, as most lakes ended up with over a foot of "good" ice. Have you taken your kids or grandkids out for their first ice fishing adventure? A special opportunity for some ice fishing fun is occurring on Saturday, February 18 during the 13th Annual Ryan Williams Perch Tournament as part of Pentwater's Winterfest activities.

One of the key elements for a successful experience on the ice is having proper attire. This means warm clothing from top to bottom, with special attention to warm hats, gloves, and warm and dry boots. I remember my first ice fishing adventure as an adult on a small pond south of Flint, Michigan. I thought I had dressed warm enough but found that my feet were getting very cold. That first experience was enough to cause me to buy heavy boots designed for ice fishing and ice cleats for safe travel on ice.

I was, of course, just getting started on all the "gear" required to get a line and bait in the water. This includes an ice auger or spud to create a hole in the ice, an ice shanty, fishing equipment and ultimately a sled to haul it all out on the ice. The exciting experience of dropping a line into a hole in the ice, feeling a tug on your line and then pulling out a fish never gets old. We have several members of the PLA Board who are experienced at ice fishing and would be willing to help any family get started with all the details.

I hope you get a chance to take your family members out on the ice this winter for any kind of activity, be it pulling a sled, cross country skiing, snow shoeing or ice fishing. When you are on the ice, listen for the ice as it talks to you, as it contracts or expands, as the sun and wind, or lack thereof, changes the air temperature above the ice surface. Hopefully, winter temperatures will be consistently cold enough to sustain "good" ice buildup on our inland lakes. Be safe and take lots of pictures of the kids and grandkids enjoying a fun day on the ice.

COMMITTEE NEWS

SOCIAL by Lynne Cavazos

Join us for two major social events in 2023, hosted by the Pentwater Lake Association (PLA). Both events will be “In-Person” events

SAVE the Dates:

- Annual PLA meeting and Social - Friday, 6/19/23 at Park Place in Pentwater.
- Strawberry Shortcake Social Fundraiser - Thursday, 8/10/23

The new PLA Membership Directory and 2023 Pentwater Events calendar will be mailed out late January. If you do not receive yours by mid-February, contact Caroline Denlar (denlar@charter.net).



SOCIAL MEDIA by Beth Provencal

Beth is happy to report an increase in the number of persons reading posts on our PLA Facebook site. There are currently two projects being worked on.

1. Working with Friends of the Pentwater River Watershed group to add pertinent information to the PLA Website.
2. Working on adding information to the “Fish found in Pentwater Lake” section.

NATURAL RESOURCES by Joe Primozych

Joe reports that for the first time in recorded history, since 1867 and the founding of the village, Pentwater Lake this year remains unfrozen in January. In the early 1900s lake ice blocks could be cut in January for use in the summer ice box refrigerators. Second, a wildlife sighting of an otter swimming at the marinas was reported. Third, on December 26, twenty tundra (whistling) swans landed on the ice in front of the Big Bayou. Too tired to circle before landing, they simply set their wings and feet to land on the ice away from the other waterfowl. After resting they left that same evening before dark to continue migrating to the Chesapeake Bay Area, their wintering destination.

Online Educational Opportunities reported by Ross Feltes

The *Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council* sponsors the **Ice Breaker Winter Speaker Series**, held virtually 12:00—1:00pm on the following dates [For more details, see their website, www.watershedcouncil.org]

Feb 8	Our Emerging Climate Challenge
Feb 22	Bioengineering for Healthier Shorelines
March 8	An Overview of Tribal Fisheries
March 22	Great Lakes Coastal Resiliency Study
April 5	Go with the Flow
April 19	A Model for Evaluating Septic Pollution



Forest Invasive Killing Eastern Hemlocks in Oceana and Four Other West Michigan Counties: Hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA) is an invasive pest capable of destroying Michigan’s 170 million hemlock trees. Infested trees die in 4-10 years. Chemical treatment is recommended. The Muskegon Conservation District has staff certified to identify and treat HWA. For more information, see our PLA Facebook page or call Kara Cronk at the Conservation office, 231-828-5097. Quotes to estimate treatment costs are free.

WHEN IS IT SAFE TO BE ON THE ICE? By Lynne Cavazos

reprinted with her permission from the PLA Newsletter, February 2021

If you are thinking about going out on the ice, how thick does ice have to be to walk, snowshoe, snowmobile, ice fish, cross country ski, skate, or play sports?

Use common sense when going out on the ice. As a general rule, avoid ice that has cracks or breaks and ice near inlets or moving water. If you're not familiar with an area, be sure to talk to the locals because ice is rarely the same thickness all the way across a body of water and can change.

If you're going out on the ice, it is always a good idea to check with a local expert about ice safety. Bait shops, lakeside businesses, local police departments often know the ice conditions in their area. Always be safe and don't put yourself or others at risk.

Before you go out, check this **ice thickness chart** and **ice color** to determine if it's safe!

ICE THICKNESS CHART

Ice Thickness	Permissible Load
3 inches	Single Person on Foot
4 inches	Group in Single File
7.5 inches	Passenger Car (2 ton gross)
8 inches	Light Truck (2.5 ton gross)
10 inches	Medium Truck (3.5 ton gross)
12 inches	Heavy Truck (8 ton gross)

How to check ice thickness?

With a drill, make a hole in the ice. Hook the end of a tape measure on the edge and take the measurement. If unsure about the consistent thickness on a body of water, you may want to bring an ice auger to test the ice as you walk and move. Be especially cautious, if there is a "bubbler" near a dock along the edge of a lake.

Know your Ice Color Meanings:

- Light gray to dark black - indicates melting ice - weak density (not safe).
- White to Opaque - water-saturated snow on top of ice - usually weak and porous.
- Blue to Clear - high density, very strong - safest ice.
- Mottled/Rotten - not so much color but texture - thawing & slushy (not safe for footstep)

WARNING: Always be cautious. If you are unsure if the ice is safe, don't take your chances!

Exercise extreme caution when using vehicles on ice. Ice needs to be at least 8 inches thick to hold a small pickup truck. Park cars at least 50 feet apart and move cars every couple hours. Drive at a very slow speed with seatbelt off and door unlocked. Always bring safety gear: A life jacket, ice pick, cell phone, length of rope, and ice auger.

Reference: Old Farmer's Almanac (2019) & www.wikihow.com/Know-When-Ice-is-Safe
[This was included as a good companion article to George Richey's president's message.]



2022 Score the Shore is Complete By Tom Walter

The Score the Shore survey is finished and the data has been sent in to Michigan State University for analysis and reporting. The data hasn't been posted yet but should be available soon. When the report is finished you can look for it here <https://micorps.net/lake-monitoring/individual-lake-reports/>.

From the data I have collected here are a few highlights: The shoreline length, excluding marinas, canals and the channel is 28,000 lineal feet or 5.3 miles. The survey broke that length into 28 – 1000 ft “transects.” The survey counted homes and major buildings, emergent and submergent vegetation, aquatic plant management, downed trees and woody debris, shoreline erosion, shoreline vegetation and shoreline erosion control.

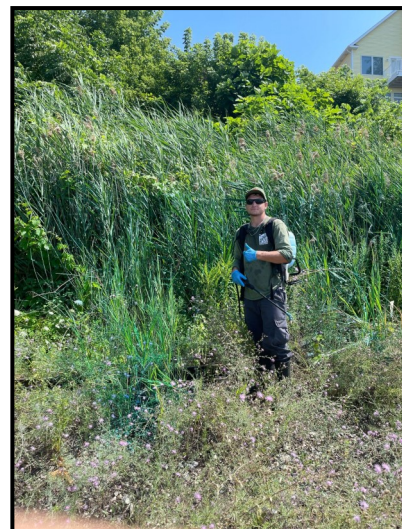
Our shoreline, actually measured using GPS, is 84.55% armored (“hard”) and 15.45% “natural.” There were 250 homes and major buildings counted and 300 docks/boatlifts. No bioengineering techniques have been used for erosion control. One minor erosion site was identified. Vertical seawall is the most prevalent type of erosion control. The largest contributor of un-mowed vegetated terrestrial shoreline was forest to the lake's edge. A lot of that was too steep to mow or difficult to develop, like along Monroe Rd. below the guardrail. Some folks, however, made a nice effort to forgo mowed lawn all the way to the edge and had some un-mowed plantings as well as naturally occurring vegetation. Nineteen transects(19,000 ft.) had no evidence of aquatic plant management while 7 transects(7,000 ft.) received major treatments. Submergent vegetation was the predominant type of aquatic vegetation present. Emergent vegetation such as lily pads and bulrushes were only recorded on 9 transects. Aquatic vegetation species composition, diversity and abundance can be found on the annual report from the Pentwater Lake Improvement Board at <https://www.pentwaterlakeboard.org/>.

One feature that needs improvement is the amount of wood we have in the lake. There are 18 transects that have none and 9 transects that have few, meaning 5 or less trees or pieces >4” diameter and at least 6’ long. The number of trees in the water has recently increased by 150%. A tree fell in from a road end along Suffolk St. [*since then removed*] and another broke off making it into the water along Monroe Rd. With a northern Michigan forested landscape there sure isn't much in the water.

As we cruised around the lake collecting this information we got to see what is really having an impact and what is missing. Wood is missing and mowed vegetation at the water's edge is having an impact on the lake and reducing our score. As previously mentioned, we didn't measure shoreline and/or impacts in marinas, canals and channels. It is obvious that those areas contribute to the impact. There is a dense boat population in those areas and on the lake in general. I decided to do a boat/mooring count. Results were surprising. That will be a subject for another article.

With some effort we can do better with our shoreline. I think we should work on that. The PLA Board will be brainstorming ideas this spring. One suggestion offered in November was to seek grant funding that would facilitate creating model projects for shoreline owners.





Hello, Pentwater Residents

The Muskegon Conservation District (MCD) has partnered with Ottawa and Oceana Conservation Districts to provide treatment services to continue efforts to eradicate phragmites. Utilizing grant funds, MCD is now able to assist in treatments for the residents of Pentwater Lake and River at no cost to the landowner. (You must live on the Pentwater Lake or River to be able to receive treatment at no cost)

WHO WE ARE: The Muskegon Conservation District is a government agency that provides the public with means of maintaining and improving our local natural resources.

WHAT WE DO: We are certified pesticide applicators trained in eradicating invasive plant species on private and public land in West Michigan. One of these plants is phragmites. Not only does phragmites out-compete native species leading to reduced biodiversity, it also can grow so tall that it can eventually block the beautiful view of Pentwater Lake. Another invasive pest we can treat is hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA) which is infesting and killing eastern hemlock trees in 5 West Michigan counties. It has been found in the Pentwater area, identifiable by its egg masses that resemble cotton swab tips. (photo p 2) More details will be available on the PLA Facebook page. (See map of where HWA is found in Oceana County.)

If you have any questions regarding our treatment programs, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to working with you soon!

Thank you,

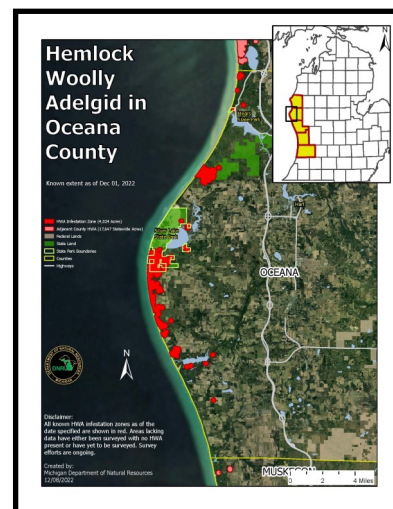
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Bread is Bad for Ducks – T or F? By AnnaMae Bush

When we were growing up, my siblings and I looked forward to extra time with our father on weekends. Favorite activities included walking to our grandmother's house for tea and Dutch treats, assembling jigsaw puzzles, playing music together on a variety of instruments, and taking bread to feed the ducks not far from our house. Watching the ducks swim toward us and seeing their antics as they competed for our bread was great fun.

Too distant from any body of water inhabited by ducks, my own children grew up without feeding these feathered friends. But my grandchildren have been privileged to enjoy Pentwater Lake and all the pleasures it affords, including proximity to many forms of nature and wildlife. On Thanksgiving a group of family members decided to take a walk down the south side of the channel. We brought a bread bag full of dry bread chunks and hoped to see some hungry ducks. As our three-year old granddaughter and her younger brother were delightedly feeding a few ducks near the channel wall, a woman shouted across from the north side. "Are you feeding them bread? That's bad for them, you know. They can't digest it."

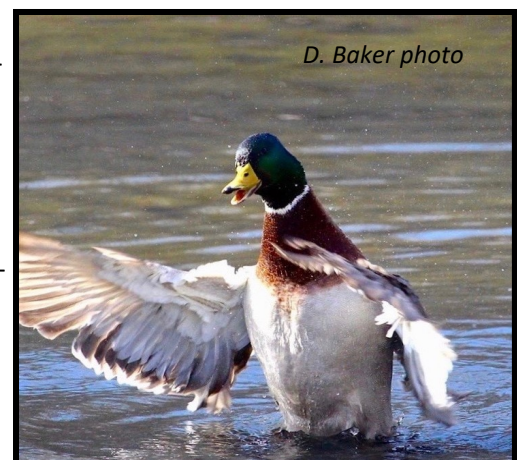
Surprised by the stranger's admonishment, we adults looked at one another awkwardly. "Have you ever heard that before?" we asked each other. No, none of us had. But we felt uncomfortable continuing our activity in the sight of several bystanders who had overheard the woman's comments. So, we slowly distracted the disappointed children and put the bag of bread out of sight. I decided the incident warranted a little research on duck diets: what they liked to eat, and what was good or not good for them to eat.

I found a website called "American Tarantula and Animals" with information intended for informational and educational purposes. It focused on what American animals (wild, domestic, pets, pests) like most to eat, how to eliminate pests, and what symbolic/spiritual meaning the animals might hold. I discovered dietary and other interesting facts our newsletter audience might enjoy reading.

So.....what about bread? Is it bad for ducks? Are they gluten-intolerant? Are they unable to digest it? Is it toxic to them? The answer to all those questions is "No." As with human beings, a balanced and varied diet is important. Ducks need protein, vegetables, fruits, minerals and nutrients. That doesn't mean we should feed them chicken, beef, pork, mashed potatoes and dinner leftovers. Their "meat" includes insects, fish, snails, worms, and frogs. Ducks have no teeth, but their serrated beaks function as filters to separate food from water. Ducks grind their ingested food inside their gizzards, and people can purchase a commercial grit for ducks to enhance the process. Bread is fine for ducks as long as it does not become a steady diet or ducks become dependent on it. Too many carbs will make them overweight, will limit their efforts to forage for other food, and decrease their intake of proteins and other nutrient-rich foods. Long term, their health will deteriorate.

The last several years my husband and I have chuckled at the charming couple we named Mr. and Mrs. Mallard. They daily exited the lake and waddled across the street into our backyard to feast on spilled birdseed under our birdfeeders. Birdseed is among the list of healthy food for ducks. For further information on duck diets, their exceptional eyesight, and fascinating egg hatching habits, check out "the rest of the story" on our PLA Facebook site.

"We prefer whole grain bread, please."



KEEPERS OF THE LAKE Speech Contest Review by AnnaMae Bush

With a goal of stimulating the interest and involvement of the next generation in the health of our lakes, the Pentwater Lake Association (PLA) has partnered in recent years with the Green Club at Pentwater High School. The club provides an article for our quarterly newsletters. A newer effort is the PLA sponsorship of the “Keepers of the Lake” speech contest for Oceana County high school students. On Sunday afternoon, December 11, Park Place in Pentwater was the scene for the 2022 competition. Six students from Mr. Rick McGrath’s speech class at Pentwater High School answered the challenge to research and make presentations on topics related to the health of our lakes. He was delighted because, as he told the audience, “Most people say they would rather be mugged than do public speaking.” The students shared interesting and helpful information accompanied with engaging visual support. Judges were charged with naming first, second, and third place winners. Cash prizes were awarded to the named winners and all the students received a certificate of participation for their college portfolio.

A modest audience was present to encourage and learn from the student speakers. Mr. McGrath shared the speech form requirements he had given the students, and he explained the basis on which the judges were to evaluate the students. In between the student speeches, members of the PLA shared information about their work and special projects. While the judges compared notes and conferred, the audience and the students had an opportunity to mingle with each other and enjoy refreshments.

The six contest participants were: Eliana Mandarano, Evalina Jaruzal, Anna Van Duinen, Grace Stoneman, Audrey Kieda, and Kaleb Brown. *See photo below.* First place (\$125) went to Grace Stoneman for “Pollution, but What’s our Solution?” Second place (\$100) went to Eliana Mandarano for “Invasive Species and the Great Lakes.” Third place (\$75) went to Evalina Jeruzal for “Enemies of Our Lakes: Invasive Species.”

Judges for the event were Claudia Ressel-Hodan, Brian Melville, Anne Pawli, and Kelie Bond. The PLA Board was deeply appreciative of their work. Ressel-Hodan said, “It was really an honor to be asked. Very well-spoken group, so judging was not easy! Also, impressed with the skills taught by Mr. McGrath and his dedication.”

In addition to gratitude for the students and judges, the Board gave special thanks to Mr. McGrath and to Betty Pleva. Pleva is the PLA education committee chair and liaison to Pentwater Schools for opportunities to connect students with the PLA mission and work.

Past and current PLA leadership has included very knowledgeable people who have freely contributed their knowledge, skills, time and energy to our mission. The health of our lake is dependent on them in many ways.

We need to build on their work with a succession of young and enthusiastic leaders. Involving local students is one way to pursue that goal. (*See our PLA Facebook page for more photos and details.*)



Left to right: Eliana, Evalena, Anna, Mr. McGrath, Grace, Audrey, Kaleb

CALENDAR OF EVENTS and HIGHLIGHTS

Feb 11 & 18	Pentwater Winterfest Activities all day long (see below)
Feb 11	Corks and Canvas - 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM, Pentwater Art Council
Feb 18 & 19	DNR Free Fishing Weekend
April 1	Township Transfer/Recycling Center Opens (Wed. & Sat - 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM)
April 8	Easter on the Green – Noon – 1:00 PM
April 29 & 30	Volunteer at Charles Mears State Park 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Winterfest in Pentwater – 2nd & 3rd Weekends of February, promoting wintertime activities

Shed your winter blues and come enjoy Pentwater's annual Winterfest. Break your cabin fever and participate this year. Local shops and restaurants will be open for you to enjoy! Visit www.pentwater.org for a complete list of activities. Winterfest Sponsors: Prince & Monton, PLC

February 11- 18

ICE SKATING RINK - (Weather Permitting) Located at North End Park. Ice Skates will be available to rent (during business hours) at the Pentwater Chamber of Commerce.

SLEDDING – (Weather Permitting) Bring your family and friends to sled All Day on the Village Green.

BONEFIRE – located at the Top of the Village Green. Stay warm by the fire.

Saturday, February 11

Winter Farmers Market: 10am – 1pm

Pentwater residents and visitors LOVE the Farmers Market. Due to popular request, the Pentwater Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring this one winter market during Winterfest activities. Enjoy local products.

Location: Centenary United Methodist Church (82 S Hancock St.)

2023 Snowman Scram 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run

The Snowman Scram Run/Walk is a fundraiser for Pentwater Cross Country and Track Teams.

TIME: 1 Mile Fun Run starts at 11:00am with the 5K run/walk to follow.

LOCATION: Start and finish by the bus barn/track at the school

ENTRY FEES: \$20.00 for 1 mile Fun Run or \$30.00 for 5K run/walk (virtual too).

Register & Questions? Please contact Erika Fatura at efatura@pentwater.k12.mi.us

Or (231) 869-4100, Ext. 243

Pentwater Pathways Open 12-3pm (FREE)

The public is invited to use OCCSA's adult and children's ski equipment on a FREE, FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED basis. All children must be accompanied by an adult who will assist them in putting on equipment and skiing with them. (If there is no snow, the Pentwater event will be postponed until February 18th)

REMINDER: TRAILHEAD AND PARKING AREA are located at Railroad Ave. and Jackson Rd., one mile from Long Bridge Rd. For ski and trail info visit www.oceanaski.org

Corks and Canvas 2pm - 5 pm

Enjoy wine tasting and a leisurely stroll through local art galleries during the Gallery Stroll sponsored by the Pentwater Art Council (PAC). Participating Art Galleries in Pentwater include: Brad & Todd Reed Photography, Jilly's Gallery, Kook's Eye, The Painted Frog, and Studio 161. All of the wine is curated by Port View Wine and Beer.

Tickets available at Port View Wine and Jilly's Gallery: Advance Ticket - \$20, Same Day Ticket - \$25.

Frozen T-Shirt Race: 2:00 – 3:00 PM **NEW EVENT!**

Sponsored by the Pentwater Chamber, it will take place in the Chamber Parking Lot. Competitors will unfold the frozen t-shirt and put it on to win! Beat the clock and other competitors.

Saturday, February 18

13th Annual Ryan Williams Perch Tournament: 7:00 am – 4:00 pm

Event day registration from 7am to 10am at Pentwater Convenience Center or Port View. The fee is \$10 per adult or \$5 per kid (15 or younger). 100% Cash and Prize payout for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes.

The final weigh-in will be at Port View no later than 4pm. For more information, please contact Pentwater Convenience Center 231-869-4203 or Ryan Williams 616-617-7984.

Mardi Gras at the Antler Bar: All Day

Visit the Antler Bar to join in the celebration of Mardi Gras.

Chilly Scavenger Hunt: 1:00 – 2:30 PM

Pick up and drop off the list of clues at the Pentwater Village Green Gazebo. Participants will try to decipher the clues that lead to different businesses in Pentwater and unscramble the letters located on the windows. The FIRST correct list of clues that is turned in WINS!

Poker Run: 12pm-4pm

Join Pentwater Galleries and shops on a fun afternoon Poker Run. The best hand wins a basket from participating Merchants! Another great way to enjoy Pentwater's Winterfest.

FREE Fishing Weekend: February 18 and 19

Saturday, April 8

Easter on the Green: Noon

Location: Village Green, 231 S. Hancock Street, Pentwater, MI

Bring your children and family to meet the Easter Bunny and enjoy an Egg Hunt. Egg Hunt begins at noon.

Grand Sponsors: The Antler Bar and Ludington Beverage Co.

Saturday and Sunday, April 29 and 30, 9:00am – 3:30pm

Volunteer Public Event at Charles Mears State Park

Volunteers will meet at Charles Mears State Park headquarters at 9am each day. Volunteers who work all day qualify for free camping that night.





Pentwater Green Schools Club

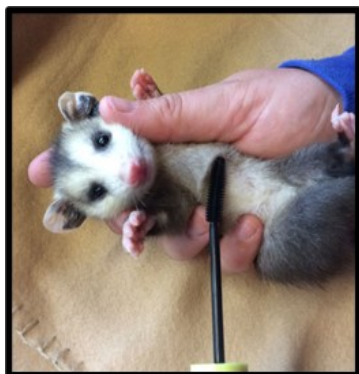
By: Abe Van Duinen
Green Schools Club Member



Michigan Green Schools is dedicated to “protecting the air, land, water and animals of our state through promotion of good ecological practices and environmental stewardship by students” (Michigan Government). The two easiest ways to do this are recycling and reusing everything we can. Aside from recycling our school's paper and cardboard products, the Pentwater Green Schools Club recycles old or broken cell phones, tablets, iPads, and ink cartridges. To do this, we ship it to an organization called EcoPhones. Of the electronics they receive, 80% are still usable, so they test them, fix them, and sell them for profit. The remaining 20% of electronics are de-manufactured into the reusable metal components that make them up, some of which are silver, gold, tin, lead, copper, and nickel. Everything EcoPhones does is environmentally friendly and ethical. EcoPhones does not receive State or Federal aid.

From recyclingfundraiser.com

- Over 100 million cell phones (50,000 tons of potentially hazardous waste) are in U.S. households.
- Cell phones contain toxic substances, including Arsenic, Antimony, Beryllium, Cadmium, Copper, Lead, Nickel, and Zinc which leach into soil and groundwater and form toxins during incineration associated with cancer and a range of reproductive, neurological, and developmental disorders.
- The cadmium from a single cell phone can pollute 158,200 gallons of water.



As for reusing, we donate used or new mascara wands to Wands for Wildlife, a wildlife organization founded in 2017 that repurposes mascara wands for wildlife care, art, and education. Their goal is to educate, inspire, and help save animals. While they don't directly work with animals, they partner with other organizations that do.

The great thing about all this is that you can help while also getting rid of hard-to-recycle items! We'll take your old or broken cell phones, tablets, iPads, and ink cartridges and send them to the EcoPhones Recycling Fundraiser with no fees attached. Additionally, we accept mascara wand donations that will get sent to Wands for Wildlife. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Pentwater Green Schools Club leader at efatura@pentwater.k12.mi.us.

PENTWATER LAKE ASSOCIATION – “For the Love of the Lake” PO BOX 825, Pentwater MI 49449

Membership Application Date _____ New _____ Renewal _____

Member Applicant Name _____ Spouse _____

Local Address: Street _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Mailing Address: Street _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone #(s): Local or Home _____ Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

How to send your newsletter: Email _____ Hard Copy via USPS _____

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

Subscription to Michigan Riparian Magazine, published quarterly (optional) \$14.00 \$ ____.

TOTAL (Make check payable to: Pentwater Lake Association, Inc.) \$ ____.



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NEWS BYTES by AnnaMae Bush

Pentwater School: As reported by WOOD TV 8 and OceanaPress.Com, Pentwater Public School is one of three Oceana County Schools that will receive a grant from the State of Michigan to hire a School Resource Officer. Over the next three years the State is awarding \$25 million to hire 195 officers to improve school security, working in cooperation with local police departments. Schools had to apply for the grant funds. We will be receiving \$91K over the three years; Hart will be receiving \$133K; Shelby will be receiving \$165K. Dr. Karaptian and Chief Hartrum hope to have an office in place next fall when school starts. (More details in our May issue)

Park Place: Claudia Hodan will be Director at Park Place to create events and do scheduling. Info will be posted on Facebook, an Info board to be placed outside Park Place, the Info board at the Village Green and a new web page on the Village website. *No excuses for being bored!*

DDA: new board members for the Downtown Development Authority include Ryan Williams and Mark Shotwell.

New Business: Jill Plummer bought the building that formerly housed Brie's Pies and will be opening a sandwich and salad shop in that location.

Downtown Merchants: raised just over \$500 for the Baptist Church food pantry with the Christmas window decorating contest! Merchants also raised \$2400 for the Pentwater Student council with their Sweet Stroll. They are hosting a Poker Run on February 18th during *Winterfest*.