

Pentwater Lake Association Newsletter

May 2023

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President's Message: George Richey

PLA Summer Activities & Volunteer Opportunities

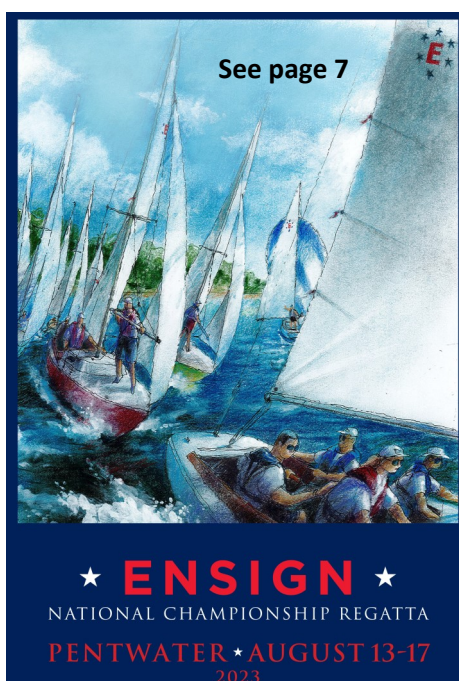
The Pentwater Lake Association (PLA) has a lot of activities planned for this year and is in need of volunteer help for most of them. The following is a list of some of the activities and a name to contact to get involved. One of the first items we do each year is to take samples of the Lake water for laboratory testing. The testing evaluates the level of phosphorus, nitrogen and other chemicals in the water and is done several times during the year. Pat Hooyman organizes and directs this activity and can be reached at 713-825-1785.

We have a very active social committee that plans PLA attendance at various community events, the PLA Annual Membership Meeting (June 16) at Park Place, and our annual Strawberry Shortcake Fund-raiser (August 10) on the Village Green. Lynne Cavazos, who is our Social Chair, also organizes and publishes our Annual Directory. If you can help, give Lynne a call at 805-705-5846.

A new standing committee was formed at our last Board meeting for the Friends of the Pentwater River Watershed. The "Friends" is chaired by Rich Pugsley, our PLA Treasurer. Rich has been organizing and directing the fund raising efforts to create a Riparian Survey to begin the process of developing a River Watershed Management Plan. Future activities that will need volunteers include river water flow monitoring, E-coli tracking, sediment source studies, road/stream crossing surveys, and water testing for weed treatment chemicals. Rich will be developing the schedule for these activities and can be reached at 586-255-2642.

The PLA promotes a Clean Boats/Clean Waters program by manning table displays of relevant information in July and August at our Lake's three public launch sites. The goal is to get boat owners to Clean/Drain/Dry their boats and trailers, "before entering" and "after leaving" our Lake. The volunteers would set up the tables and distribute the handouts to boat owners during several busy summer weekends.

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COMMITTEE NEWS

Social Committee Report by Lynne Cavazos

Annual Meeting and Social: In-Person Event at Park Place

The 2023 Pentwater Lake Association Annual Meeting and Social Gathering will be held on Friday, June 16, 2023 from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Once again, the meeting will be held at Park Place - 310 N. Rush St., Pentwater, and will be an In-Person only event. The business agenda includes approval of board members for 2023-2024.

The cost for the event is \$25 per person. A delicious 3 course catered and served buffet will be provided by Gloria Anne's Catering. The complete menu is shown on the reservation form that you will receive with your invitation and membership renewal letter. Coffee, bottled water and sparkling juices will be provided. NOTE: You are welcome to bring other beverages of your choice.

The Guest Speakers for this year's meeting will include Grace Stoneman—the Winner of the PLA Keepers of the Lake Speech Contest, and Gary McKeen—President of the Oceana Park & Recreation Commission and Vice-President of the Oceana Conservation District.

Contact: Lynne Cavazos (231) 869-5939 or Caroline Denlar (231) 425-0398 if you did not receive an invitation to the Annual Meeting and Social.

Pentwater Lake Association Strawberry Shortcake Social

The PLA Strawberry Social is scheduled for Thursday, August 10, 2023 during Homecoming Week in Pentwater. We will be serving shortcakes from 6:00 PM until the end of the band concert on the Village Green. Volunteers are always needed for this event. If you would like to volunteer to help with the Strawberry Social this year, please fill out the pink form that was enclosed with your membership renewal information or contact Lynne Cavazos or Caroline Denlar by email or phone.

Caroline Denlar by email: denlar@charter.net or phone: (231) 425-0398

Lynne Cavazos by email: lcavazos5939@charter.net, or phone (231) 869-5939

Social Media Report by Beth Provencal

A new "Fish Page" has been added to the website. It is nearly completed. It has a very simple format with pictures (some photos) with weight/length and basic information about the top 20 fish found in Pentwater Lake.



Water Quality Report by Joe Primozech

Joe confirmed the good news that future water testing costs of approximately \$1900 a year will be covered by the Pentwater Lake Improvement Board (PLIB) instead of coming out of the PLA budget. The first water samples were taken on March 14. The secchi (water clarity) was 8 feet and the water temperature was 38 degrees.

Rich Pugsley found someone who is interested in buying the starry stonewort after we harvest it this year.

Membership Report by Rich Pugsley

June is membership month for the PLA. We are starting the year with 224 memberships. As you renew your friendships this summer talk about the association and encourage others to join and volunteer "for the love of the lake."

Membership dues renewal forms for existing members were sent out in April. Dues for the new year, July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, are due by July 1. The mailing label on the membership information has a year

after your name. If the year is 23, then new dues are required. If the number is higher than 23 then you are paid up through that year.

New membership applications can be downloaded from the PLA website. <https://www.pentwaterlakeassociation.com/membership-application>

We would like to welcome the following new members since August 2022 to the association:

Mike & Suzanne Irwin

David & Tammy Bernier

Joe & Jaime Steward

Edwin & Julia Van Hamm

Sue Madden

Garry & Julie McKeen

2022 Annual Pentwater State of the Lake Report by Joe Primozich

The year started out with cold winter temperatures that created 10 inches of black ice, perfect for ice fishing. The February 17th perch contest drew close to 100 fisherman and was a success. No run of white belly perch were caught from Lake Michigan. This is a pattern over the last three years. Snowmobiles and four wheel quads were used by many fishing on the lake. By the first week of March the warmup came after 6 weeks of safe ice fishing activity.

Lake plant surveys began on June 6. A cool spring delayed the lake plant emergence and so it did not warrant any invasive plant control measures in June. The second survey was done on July 18. This allowed for harvesters to come in from July 26-29. This was the third year that 140 wet tons of starry stonewort were removed from the lake. In doing so, the plant removal also takes phosphorous out of the lake, a key ingredient for algae blooms at the end of the summer. So the benefit of harvesting is two fold 1) with the removal of the nuisance plants and 2) the reduction of the phosphorous load in the lake to slow down any future poisonous algae blooms in the lake like that of October of 2010. Also, on July 28, 6.25 acres were chemically treated for hybrid milfoil and/or nuisance native plants. This is in line with the goals of the mission statement of the Pentwater Lake Improvement Board (PLIB), namely that any chemical shoreline treatment will be kept below 15 acres or (15 %) of the shoreline annually.

The Pentwater Lake Association Youth Fishing Contest ran from June 11 through August 14. All catches are laid on a ruler and pictures taken and then texted to PLA committee members. Youth have to be 16 or under to be eligible. Seventeen trophies were awarded for 12 species this year. Perch, bluegills, crappie, sunfish, and rock bass were the most often caught. For the first time more large mouth bass were caught than small mouth bass. The question was raised, are bass tournament teams catching small mouth bass here, and then returning to the site of the weigh-in taking too many mature fish out of the lake, so they do not return? We can observe as we go forward whether the small mouth bass numbers rebound.

An aquatic plant survey was done on the lake for the second year on August 31. The frequency of the 6 invasive plant species was outlined. The most common are two native plants called coontail and wild celery (see photo at right). They seem to be the best competition to out produce the two invasive plants we try to control, which are starry stonewort and hybrid milfoil. We plan to keep this survey going to try to learn what natural changes do occur in managing invasive plants in Pentwater Lake. As we all should know, invasive species are here and we must learn to live with them. The PLIB mission statement is "to manage for the health of all the lake species both plant and animal." Special thanks to the PLIB Board for passing a strong mission statement and to the PLA Board for their field work on the lake and a watchful eye on the changes seen.



Boat & Water Safety by Tim Simon, Oceana County Sheriff's Office, Marine Patrol

As we get ready to kick off our 2023 summer season in Oceana County, it is hard not to think about those hot summer days and warm summer nights. With all the hot days summer brings, we can't help but think water is a luxury we have, being a lakeshore county in Michigan. Spending time in and around the water is great way to recreate and relax, as long as we are doing it safely.

One of the most popular summer activities is visiting our beautiful beaches in Oceana County. One of our most popular beaches is right here in Pentwater at Charles Mears State Park. One of the first things we need to check when we visit Charles Mears State Park, if we plan on going in the water, is the flagging system of green, yellow, and red flags. This tells us whether the swimming conditions are safe for the day or if it is too hazardous to be in the water. If a green flag is posted the conditions are usually safe for swimming. If a yellow flag is posted, swimmers should use caution as rip currents are possible. If a red flag is posted, swimmers should not enter the water as conditions are too hazardous and rip currents are likely.

Another thing we need to think about while at Charles Mears State Park, is to stay away from the pier heads while swimming in the water. This can be very dangerous for many reasons. Piers cause structural currents which can rapidly force water outward into the lake. If swimmers are in this area, they can be swept out quickly to deeper water and become fatigued. Boaters congregate in the areas around the pier heads and it is difficult for boaters to see people in the water. It is always best, if swimming, to stay inside the marked swimming area. And lastly, never walk onto the pier structure if the conditions are so turbulent that water is washing over the pier. A person can easily be swept off the pier and into the lake when water washes over the pier.

Another great activity on our hot summer days is boating in its many forms. From letting the wind push your sailboat to gliding across the water on your personal watercraft. There is no better place to be than in the water. There are some things that we need to remember when we are boating this summer. First and foremost, we need to remember to wear a personal flotation device (life jacket) when out on the water in any type of vessel. Children under the age of six must always wear a type I or II personal flotation device when out on any type of vessel on the water. You never know when an emergency will arise, and having a personal flotation device already on could save your life.

As boaters, we have several important "rules of the road" while navigating on the water in Michigan. First, is the "one-hundred-foot rule". Unless you are navigating at slow no-wake speed, it is prohibited to go within one hundred feet of anything stationary, like a dock, raft, person in the water, the shoreline, or another anchored boat. As boaters, we need to be mindful of the wake our boat broadcasts as we travel around the lake. Large boat wakes can rapidly erode our shoreline.

We also need to remember to go counterclockwise around the lake when towing someone behind our vessels. This ensures everyone is going the same direction, so if someone falls into the water off water skis or a tube, other following boaters will see and have ample time to maneuver around them.

Next, specifically to Pentwater, we need to be mindful of Pentwater Lake's No Wake Zone. This No Wake Zone runs to the west from the Pentwater Municipal Boat Launch, through the harbor, out to Lake Michigan. Boats can only travel at slow, no wake speed, through this area. It is marked by non-lateral buoys.

Lastly, be courteous on the water as we share it with all boaters and swimmers. Always keep a sharp lookout while navigating your boat and have a safe summer season.



The Oceana County Sheriff's Marine Patrol Boat. Deputy Tim Simon patrols in Pentwater Thursday—Sunday. He reminds boaters to have visual distress signals (flares) available on their boats at all times.

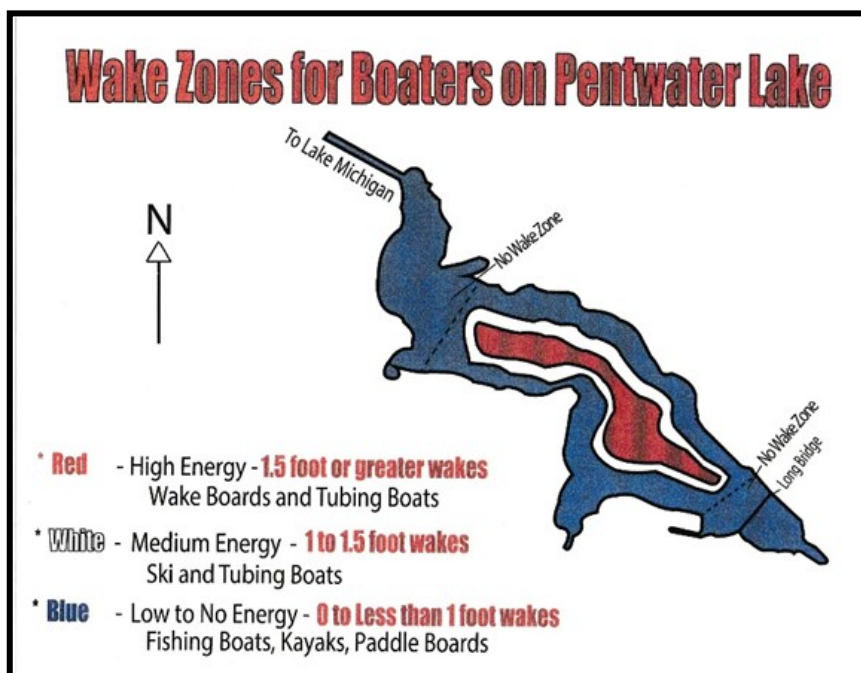
I met with Tim to discuss his article and ask him some questions. He said there were so many more things he could have written about, but he chose to focus on what he thought was most important and on behaviors (boaters and swimmers) that most often put people in danger. For boaters that included the 100-foot-rule for distance from any fixed object, driving counterclockwise around the lake when towing people, wearing life jackets, and simply being courteous to everyone else on the lake. For swimmers it included observing the flag warnings, keeping far from the rocks along the piers, and staying in the designated swim areas. Simon said marine officers have rescued countless swimmers at Mears State Park who ignored these basic safety rules.

In response to my question about boating “right of way” safety, Simon said power boats must yield to sailboats except in two cases: when the sailboat is motored down or when the sailboat is overtaking a slower boat, such as a charter fishing boat with numerous fishing lines in the water.

Normally inland lakes are regulated by state laws and the Great Lakes are regulated by federal laws. But Pentwater Lake is one of a few Michigan lakes that has a navigable channel to Lake Michigan. That makes it a federal waterway and therefore subject to both state and federal regulations. Discretion is used when these regulations conflict with each other such as age requirements for life jackets: federal law requires them for 12 years and younger, whereas state law requires them for 6 years and younger.

Any motion on the water causes wave action. Different water sports require and/or cause different size wakes. Rich Pugsley wisely points out that the boat census report made by Tom Walters in this issue (pg 6) highlights the importance of learning to use the lake safely to protect each other and the lake. The Pentwater Lake Association Bullseye Chart (Wake Zones for Boaters on Pentwater Lake) is an important tool for the protection of all. The chart zones can help different types of watercrafts safely operate on the water at the same time. The chart zones can also protect the environment from negative effects on shoreline erosion, sediment resuspension, aquatic plants, and aquatic invasive species.

Editor's notes



How Many Boats Do We Have? By Tom Walter

Mid-summer of 2022, late July, Joe Primozich and I began collecting data to “Score the Shore.” Score the Shore is a standardized way of measuring the environmental health of a lake’s shoreline. By then I had divided the entire length of the shoreline, using a GPS, into 28 - 1000’ sections and saved the documentation. We collected data for each section closely following the instructions provided by the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program (CLMP). Those instructions eliminate from scoring, places like the Apache Hills Canal and the portion of the lake servicing the Snug Harbor and Charlie’s Marina. The results of our efforts are now posted on the CLMP website. [CLMP-Pentwater-Oceana-640089.pdf \(micorps.net\)](https://micorps.net/CLMP-Pentwater-Oceana-640089.pdf)

As we worked our way around the lake it became evident that we have a lot of docks and a lot of boats. We were counting the docks but not in the Canal and Marina. We were not counting the boats. In addition, over a period of time, we had been fielding questions and statements like “the number of wake boats is exploding,” and “how many jets ski are there and how many do we need?” and “aren’t there more mooring buoys this year?” and “how many deep draft sailboats are there?” So, we came up with an idea to do a Boat Count.

We stratified our count. We counted wake boats, power boats, jet skis, deep draft sailboats, other sailboats, row boats, paddle craft, transient boats, plus mooring buoys in the Village and mooring buoys in the Township. Definitions are included at the bottom of Table 1.

It seems this count could have some value. The definitions could be changed but should be settled upon to have consistent results over time. Some questions can be answered and the count provides some food for thought. Ponder the results. Let me know what you think. The results are in Table 1 below.

BOAT CENSUS, Pentwater Lake, 7/28/2022

Power Boats	Large Sail Boats	Small Sail Boats	Jet Ski	Paddle Craft	Row Boat	Wake Boat	Transient	Commercial
420	17	47	73	297	34	11	7	9

Power Boats = all powered boats except motored dinghys tethered to another boat and wake boats

Large Sailboats = those thought to have in excess of 6’ draft

Small Sailboats = all sailboats thought to have less than 6’ draft

Paddle Craft = kayaks, paddle boards, canoes, water wheelers visibly stored at waterfront, available for use

Row Boat = a small boat with oar locks and oars

Wake Boat = a boat whose design and intention is to create wakes for wake-boarders, usually with a wake board tower and attachments to enhance wake creation.

Commercial Vessels = work equipment, Adams Marine, Viking Marine

We also counted moorings: There were 38 Village Buoy Moorings, 22 Township Buoy Moorings, and 7 Moored Swim Rafts.



National Regatta Coming to Pentwater by Chris Conroy

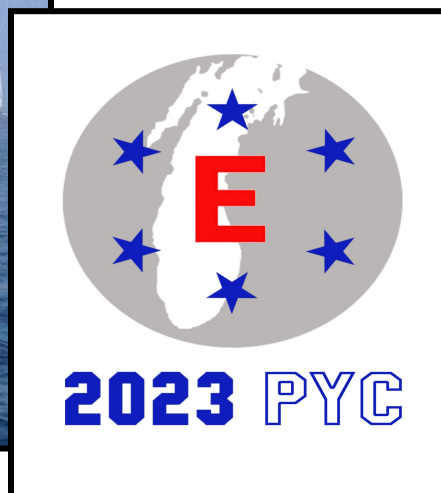
If you enjoy watching 10 -13 Ensigns sailboats racing on Pentwater Lake or Lake Michigan, with jib, main and colorful spinnakers flying on a sunny summer afternoon, just imagine the scene when we have 40 - 50 Ensigns on Lake Michigan representing their respective fleets from across the country....as far south as Texas, as far north as Marquette MI, eastmost as Massachusetts and points in between!

Crews and their families will be making their way to Pentwater for the 2023 Ensign National Championship Regatta. The Ensign Class Association of this beautiful one design full keel sailboat has awarded the 2023 Regatta to Ensign Fleet 70 of Pentwater. Michael Bass is the Regatta Chairman, and Marsha LaHaye is the Fleet 70 captain. Both are thrilled to have the opportunity to replicate our successful 2014 Ensign National Championship Regatta showing off our charming town and rebuilt yacht club.

The first day of racing is planned for Monday August 14 and concludes on Thursday August 17th. On average there will be 4 races per day all of which will be held on Lake Michigan, viewable from the channel piers and Charles Mears State Park beachfront. Each day spectators will have the opportunity to line the channel walkway as a parade of competing Ensigns traverse the waterway thoroughfare between Pentwater Lake and Lake Michigan.

This is customarily a slow week after Pentwater Homecoming but we look forward to giving our community an additional proverbial shot in the arm with over 160 - 200 visitors plus hundreds of event spectators.

The Ensign Regatta website - ensignnationals2023.com - has swags for sale including a brand new poster designed by Pentwater's own artist Dave Peterhans. Sponsorships and ad space in our race book are still available. For Sponsorship details, please contact Chris Conroy chconroy57@gmail.com. Our list of local sponsors is growing every day, and we urge you to support our sponsors.



The Shore is Scored.....What's Next? By Tom Walter

The Cooperative Lake Monitoring Program (CLMP) has recently posted our 2022 data on the web. It can be found at [CLMP-Pentwater-Oceana-640089.pdf \(micorps.net\)](#) . Pentwater Lake scored a 51 out of 100 with the statewide average being 70. Our need for improvement was evident as we conducted the survey. The CLMP report said the following about our lake:

Analysis Specific to Pentwater Lake: Overall, the lakeshore habitat of Pentwater Lake is **below average** when compared to the other lakes in the program with similar amount of development. One half of the lake sections scored Poor, indicating there is plenty of room for improvement on Pentwater Lake (14 sections scored poor, 12 scored fair, 2 scored good). There is no particular area of the habitat score that is particularly strong or weak; but rather there is a general degradation of habitat around the whole lake and across these different categories of Riparian (57/100), Littoral (42/100), and Erosion Control (54/100).

To improve scores, residents should work on all three categories. Keep native plants in the shallows, allow unmowed areas to grow on the shoreline, and remove sea walls or add rock or wood whenever possible. You can get plenty of ideas for improving shoreline health from the Michigan Natural Shoreline Partnership (<https://www.shorelinepartnership.org/>). I know, it is disappointing. We live in a beautiful community, with nice homes and nice boats, nice families and a lot of fun. We love the lake and pay a lot to be here. What we don't do is pay enough attention to the natural environment and how we effect it. That's the **bad news**.

The **good news** is that it isn't that hard or expensive to make some changes that will reflect good stewardship of the lake we love. In addition, we have some help. Your Lake Association, Pentwater Lake Improvement Board and Pentwater Township are into making improvements. Cost sharing is a possibility. Private land owners' participation will be needed as there isn't much that is public besides some road ends.

Things to be considered are bioengineered shoreline protection and planting in un-armored shoreline areas, rock in front of seawalls, adding wood to the shoreline and planting a portion of the water's edge with native species. These things would improve all 3 areas that were scored. It all can be done while keeping your property beautiful and don't fear the wood. Wood doesn't have to be a whole ugly dead tree.

Please, think about what you can do or allow. Check out the links above. See what has been done elsewhere. We'll talk about it more. Be part of the solution.... not the other part.



The Fish Run – Clayton Lubbers*

Have you ever wondered what makes some kinds of fish swim back up the streams and tributaries to where they were spawned and hatched? The technical term for fish that do that is “adfluvial.”

You can find adfluvial fish no matter where you live. Many species run from the oceans into fresh water to spawn. Probably the most famous are the salmon species - those fish that make spectacular leaps over rapids and dams as they make their way back to their spawning waters. This might be news to some, but the salmon we find in the Midwest, including the Great Lakes, are not native. They all come from the Atlantic or Pacific Ocean stock fish that were brought to inland waters. Though native to the oceans, salmon are famous for their powerful runs up rivers, streams, and tributaries so they can lay eggs in the same waters where they were hatched. These are the fish you probably think of when you see grizzly bears and brown bears along streams and tributaries waiting to catch fish during the fall salmon run.

Adfluvial fish don't run only in the fall, though; many species of adfluvial fish also run in the spring. Northern pike, walleye, and steelhead trout are some species of adfluvial fish that spawn in the spring.

People have wondered for a long time how adfluvial fish know how to return to the same streams where they were hatched. Most scientists believe it has to do with the scents in the streams – subtle clues that remind a fish of where they came from and where they are going. Each stream has a uniqueness to it based on the trees, plants, rocks, and soil where it lies. Each stream has unique flavors and tell-tale signs that let the fish know where they belong.

*Clayton Lubbers is a science teacher at Byron Center Christian School in Grand Rapids. He has been teaching for over 25 years and he loves the outdoors. Excerpts reprinted with permission from *The Banner* – Clayton Lubbers, “The Fish Run,” c. *The Banner*, March 2023 (158:3), p. 31. All rights reserved.



Calendar of Events: May – July of 2023

May 6	Brews and Beats - Village Green Noon - 5:00 pm
May 12-13	Oceana County Student Art Show -OCCOA
May 21	Wine & Art Scholarship Benefit - Park Place - 2 - 5PM
May 28	Pentwater VFW Hall - Pancake Breakfast 8am -Noon
May 29	Memorial Day Parade – 10 am
June 4	Start of Summer Party at Village Marina 5 – 7 pm
June 5	Start of Pentwater Farmers Market – VG Mon. & Thurs 10 am – 1 pm
June 9-11	National Asparagus Festival - Oceana County
June 10	Pentwater Community Wide Garage Sale 8am-5pm
June 10	Chocolate Walk – Pentwater 1-4 pm
June 10-11	DNR Free Fishing Weekend
June 16	Pentwater Lake Assoc. Annual Mtg & Social - 6pm
June 17	Pentwater Garden Club Plant Sale – Water Tower Park 9am-1pm
June 17-18	Spring Fest Arts and Crafts Fair on the Village Green
June 22	Civic Band Concerts Start on VG thru 8/24 – 8pm
June 24	“Tacos & Trek for Trails” Fundraiser – Village Green 11am-3pm
June 30	Gallery Stroll – Art Galleries in Pentwater 4-7pm
July 2	Pentwater VFW Hall - Pancake Breakfast 8am-Noon
July 3	Pentwater Fireworks at Dusk
July 4	Stony Lake Sparkler - Stony Lake Inn 8am -Noon
July 8	Annual Fine Arts Fair on the Village Green - 9am-5pm
July 9	St.Vincent & St. Joseph OX Roast – St. Joseph Parish Hall
July 15	Mears Art Fair - Johnson Park, Mears 10am - 5:00 PM
July 28	Back from the Mac Party – PYC 5pm
July 28	Gallery Stroll - Art Galleries in Pentwater 4-7pm
July 29	Ladies’ Classic Fishing Tournament - Village Marina PSA
Aug 10-13	Pentwater Homecoming Celebration



Plant sale—June 17



Summer Weekly Repeats

Pentwater Farmer’s Market on the Village Green June 5 – Sept. 21

Civic Band Concerts - June 22nd - August 24th Thursdays at 8pm

Notes on Selected Events

Oceana County Student Art Show: May 12 (4-7pm) – May 13 (10am-5pm)

This PAC event features the artwork of local students from the public and private schools in Oceana County. The work will be divided into elementary, middle and high school levels with prizes at each level. Three local area artists will do the judging. A monetary award will also be given to the school that has one piece judged as the “best of show.” The show will be in person this year and will be on display at the Ocean County Senior Center.

Start of Summer Party (SOS)

Sunday, June 5 at 5pm-7pm. Say "Hello" to Summer with your neighbors and friends at Pentwater's "Start of Summer Party" at the Village Marina. Everyone is Welcome! Hot dogs, beverages and music provided. Bring your own tableware, a side dish to share, and a folding chair. Hosted by the Pentwater Service Club with support from the Downtown Development Authority (DDA).



Pentwater Community Garage Sale

Saturday, June 10, 2023 from 8 AM- 5 PM - Garage Sales throughout the Pentwater area! This annual event creates summer deals and fun for all! Many homeowners sell their items that may just turn into your treasures! A Virtual Map will be available from the Pentwater Chamber Office. NOTE: The Pentwater Transfer Station has a “free day” on Saturday, June 17th from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Garden Club of Pentwater Annual Plant Sale – at Water Tower Park, 9am – 1pm, June 17

Bring the beautiful colors and fragrances of spring flowers and plants home with you at Pentwater Garden Club’s Annual Plant Sale.

Spring Fest Arts & Crafts Fair – on the Village Green, 231 S. Hancock St., two-day event

Saturday - June 18 (10am - 5pm) & Sunday - June 19 (10am – 3pm)

Over 100 vendors provide hand-made crafts, a special skill or art, a skilled trade or antiques for sale.

Tacos & Trek for the Trail – Fundraiser for the Pentwater Hart Trail – at the Village Green

Saturday June 24, 11 am - 3:00 pm. 11:00 AM - Register for the 5K Ride/Run/Walk at Noon

\$20 donation per family, \$10 donation per person

12:00 - 3:00 PM Tacos will be served to raise funds for the Pentwater Hart Trail. Minimum donation - \$10

Register for the Ride/Run/Walk at: www.pentwaterhartrail.com



Fireworks in Pentwater - July 3 at Dusk

Location: Charles Mears State Park, 400 W. Lowell Street, Pentwater, MI

57th Annual Pentwater Junior Women’s Club Fine Arts and Crafts Fair

Saturday, July 8 on the Village Green in Pentwater. Hours 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Always a highlight of the summer activities in Pentwater, the Arts and Crafts Fair gets rave reviews from both artists and visitors alike. This is a “juried” arts and crafts fair.

NEWS BYTES by AnnaMae Bush

Dredging Information from Chris Brown

The latest information Brown received from USACE, Grand Haven office, was that a contract for a complete project depth dredge has been secured with King & Co. The latest schedule was to take place by early June. The Village of Pentwater Village council will be sending a resolution to Pentwater Lake Improvement Board asking them to add dredging maintenance into their 5-year capital improvement plan. Protect Pentwater Channel Citizens Committee has been working proactively to bring all agencies together to have a plan in place to make sure that our channel is never in danger of being closed from lack of dredging. The Channel is a vital artery to our community and collectively, we bear the responsibility to ensure that it is always open to navigation.

Wine & Art – Annual Event Highlight – May 21, 2-5pm at Park Place

This memorable art auction features wine tasting and the best appetizers available. Hosted by the Pentwater Women's Club, this event offers hundreds of handmade items for the benefit of their Scholarship Fund. All proceeds support post-high school education for Pentwater students. Event tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door, available from club members or Jilly's Gallery and Port View. One highly prized item is a king-sized quilt crafted by club members that goes to the attendee holding the winning raffle ticket.



Holiday Fireworks Celebrations – Oceana & Mason County

Hart Sparks - July 2 at Dusk, fireworks over Hart Lake

Fireworks in Pentwater - July 3 at Dusk, north pier at Charles Mears State Park

Fireworks in Silver Lake - July 4 at Dusk, over Silver Lake

Fireworks in Ludington - July 4th at Dusk, over Lake Michigan at the west end of Ludington Ave

Boater Safety Classes for ages 10 and up; BOTH classes required

Register using this link <https://oceana.mi.us/courts-sheriff/sheriff/programs-services/hunters-education/>

June 21, 22: 9am-1pm at Charlie's Marina

July 13, 14: 8am-12pm at Yacht Club

August 3, 4: 8am-12pm at Yacht Club

County Water Safety Day—July 8 at the Municipal Marina, 11:30am-2:00pm

Safety demonstrations by police officers, dive team members, marine officers, fire department personnel, Coast Guard members. Activities for kids, free hot dog lunch, free kids' life jackets (provided with funds from the Pentwater Yacht Club) while supplies last.



Police Department News by Chief Laude Hartrum



"Play Safe Pentwater" is the theme for a new program this summer, sponsored by the Pentwater Police Department and Pentwater Rec Program. The program is designed to reinforce safety rules and explore the history of Pentwater through a Village-wide scavenger hunt.

Beginning Memorial Day, families wanting to participate can purchase their scavenger book and shirt at the Village Hall or Charles Mears State Park. The program will end on Labor Day. The cost for the program is \$20.

Kids and parents can set their own pace as they work their way through the scavenger book. Each page has a different location or subject they must explore: Beach Safety, Boating Safety, Pedestrian Safety, Camping Safety, Skateboard and Bike Safety, Pentwater History, Healthy Lifestyles, and "Ok2Say" are just a few of the topics covered. Along the way, scavenger hunters must use clues to find "guides" to discuss the subject and sign off on the page.

The old saying "You can never find a cop when you need one." will be tested this summer. As Pentwater Police Officers, Sheriff's Deputies, Michigan State Troopers, DNR Officers, Pentwater Firemen, Coast Guard personnel, Pentwater Rec personnel, and Historical Society members will guide kids on this fun journey to learn how to "Play Safe Pentwater."

After the hunt, families and kids can bring their completed book back to the Village Hall, where they will take their picture with a PPD Officer and receive a well-deserved bag of prizes.

It's a perfect way to learn safety rules. On those days when the beach isn't at its best, and the prospect of being crowded into the camper isn't fun either, it's an ideal activity. So, grab your book, go on the hunt, and "Play Safe Pentwater."



Pentwater Green Schools Club

By: Anna Van Duinen
Green Schools Club Member



Over the past couple months, our club participated in many green activities. We adopted a wallaby from the World Wildlife Federation, and Mrs. Fleming's 2nd grade class won the naming contest with the name Nugget (top picture). We also donated several books to our school's library to support learning about the environment (bottom picture). Throughout the winter, we have continued to recycle bottles, paper, electronics, and batteries. Watching the bottle recycling bin fill up is a constant reminder to me, and my peers that we should use reusable bottles more, and cut down on our plastic waste. Soon we are going to celebrate Earth Day as a school! Green Schools Club members will be reading stories about the earth to our elementary classes. Our middle school and high school students will be watching a documentary about the earth and discussing what we can each do to reduce our carbon footprint.



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Also, we are planning to have a float in the Homecoming Parade and need to have volunteers man the float and hand out materials. To volunteer for any of these activities, please contact Tom Walter (231-250-9817) or Rich Pugsley (586-255-2642).

The PLA has sponsored a speech contest the last two years for local high school students and is working on involving younger students this year. Betty Pleva, our Education Chair, would welcome your help in organizing and developing future student involvement in Lake related topics. Her phone number is 231-578-3609.

Another effort in making our Lake a healthier place for its fish and wildlife is "softening" our shore lines. This effort is a result of the "Score the Shore" survey project undertaken by a group headed by Tom Walter. This project summarized the amount of "natural" shoreline versus the "hardened" shoreline having man made sea walls. The goal is to involve our Riparians in developing healthier shorelines to benefit the general health of the Lake. If interested in getting involved, please contact Tom at 231-250-9817.

PLA Offers Many Volunteer Opportunities.

Check them out in the President's Message.