

## Our Neighborhood Association...

Dedicated to the preservation of our beautiful slice of heaven!

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Website: <https://ncbapentwater.org>

Dear Neighbors,

Summer is fast approaching. Many of us who live nearby have already had an opportunity to be in Pentwater, whetting the appetite for another wonderful summer.

One of our greatest concerns as cottage owners and as an association is our individual and combined safety. We live in what has become known as a Limited Access Dune Community, one whose characteristics include isolated homes built among fragile sand dunes, where traditional emergency access is restricted by narrow roads, soft sand, and dense vegetation. Each year the Mason-Oceana 911 Center sponsors a forum bringing together representatives of all the Mason-Oceana emergency responders, lakeshore community organizations such as ours and cottage owners. It is a sometimes sobering but very informative event. If you are in or around Pentwater on June 11<sup>th</sup> you should attend. For more information, please see p. 3 of this newsletter

Trash service is by far the association's greatest expense. The only way to keep it in check is to alter the pickup frequency to match our needs. Doing so is as much art as science meaning that occasionally collection will be out of synch with demand. If you find the dumpster full or nearly full, please call or text me, 847 922-7871.

Sincerely,

David Reynolds, for the board

David Schwartz

Martha Weinberg

Jeff Turk

Joyce Blades

Fred Kooistra

Jay Goldner



## Upcoming Events

- **May 30, 2026, 10 a.m.:** Board Meeting
- **June 1:** Deadline to nominate self or other to join the board
- **July 25, 9 a.m.:** Board Meeting
- **July 25, 11 a.m.:** Annual Member Meeting
- **Sept. 7, 10 a.m.:** Board Meeting

**All summer meetings will be held at Centenary United Methodist Church, 82 Hancock St., Pentwater. All members are encouraged to attend, in-person or remotely via Zoom.:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89945910632?pwd=JZlzoYKcxu20yrRWOmJ0nKjCnX6RU7.1>

**If there is a topic you would like discussed, please send it in an email to [ncbadirectors@gmail.com](mailto:ncbadirectors@gmail.com)**

## Don't forget to join NCBA Pentwater!

Representatives from each member household received an invitation to join NCBA Pentwater earlier this spring. If you plan to join and have not already done so, please mail your dues of \$250 to PO Box 11, Pentwater, 49449 **by June 1.**

Questions? Email [ncbadirectors@gmail.com](mailto:ncbadirectors@gmail.com)



**June 20 - 21, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

Over 100 artist booths, music and food!

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## Practices for Living Well Together

We believe that we all benefit from being part of a community that **lives well together**. To that end, a set of practices has been developed by members to help protect of our precious beach and forest, and the safety and well-being of our neighbors. **A printable version of the practices is on the last page of this newsletter. Please share it with your family members, guests and renters.**

### Our Roads

We never know what to expect when we return to Pentwater in spring or early summer. Often, through harsh weather conditions, normal deterioration and possibly construction traffic, our roads can take quite a beating.

Here are some things to keep in mind and recommendations for how we can work together to manage our shared roads:

- It is our understanding that the Oceana County Road Commission will maintain Kenney's Road, including the south fork to the Casey cottage, and the north fork to the Helber cottage. However, over the past decade as funds have become less available, the county seems to have reduced the amount of maintenance it performs.
- **Please report any problems on Kenney's Road to the board: [ncbadirectors@gmail.com](mailto:ncbadirectors@gmail.com) and/or call the County Road Commission (231) 873-4226**
- Managing and maintaining all other roads within our boundaries is more complicated. Some roads are platted, others have easements, and actual ownership of many of our roads may be unknown. Maintaining them is the responsibility of the cottage owners who share the road.
- NCBA Pentwater does not bear responsibility for roads on private land, but is committed to fostering cooperation and community. In order to best meet those goals, we ask please:
  - (1) Before doing road work, make sure you know who owns the land "your" road is on,
  - (2) Use the NCBA Pentwater directory ([Click Here](#), create an account on the NCBA Pentwater website, and sign in) to work with your neighbors on road issues, and
  - (3) To help us keep neighbors informed and potentially coordinate efforts, please report all road problems and planned repairs to the board: [ncbadirectors@gmail.com](mailto:ncbadirectors@gmail.com)**



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Our board is comprised of neighbors who share your love and passion for our special place. Perhaps you would like to join the board and be part of the leadership team that enriches our community!

**We invite all members to consider joining the board, or to notify us about someone in our community that you believe would be an asset to the board.**

**Interested or want to know more?** Please send your inquiry, suggestion and/or brief letter of intent (that describes a bit about yourself and your relevant experience, and why you would be an asset to the NCBA Pentwater Board of Trustees) to **Patty Schwartz, Nominating Committee Chair: [pschwartz98110@yahoo.com](mailto:pschwartz98110@yahoo.com)**

All members who indicate interest or are suggested by others will be considered. All association members will have the opportunity to vote to elect new members to the board at the annual meeting July 25.

**Deadline to submit a recommendation or letter of intent: June 1, 2026.**

## Trash Update/Reminders

Trash pickup has resumed. The frequency will vary throughout the summer based on demand. For the current frequency please check the website [NCBA Pentwater](https://www.ncba-pentwater.org) under "Important Information".

### As we head into the busy season, please remember:

- Our dumpster and trash removal service is paid for by our NCBA Pentwater dues and is a benefit of being a member.
- If the dumpster is full, do not leave your bags outside the dumpster. Wait until it is emptied.
- Items like building materials, inflatable beach toys, electronics and old furniture or beach chairs need to be hauled to the transfer station (info in yellow box at right).
- Flatten any cardboard boxes, and we strongly encourage recycling of paper, cardboard, tin, aluminum and glass at the transfer station.
- **Inform your renters, guests and any contractors working on your cottage that the dumpsters are for bagged household trash only.**
- For most up-to-date info: [NCBA Pentwater](https://www.ncba-pentwater.org)

### Pentwater Transfer Station

Need to get rid of some broken furniture or want to recycle your paper, cans, glass or cardboard? The Pentwater Transfer Station is **open from April through October, Thursday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** The address is **6184 N. 68th Ave.**, Pentwater, and is accessed by driving south about half mile on the gravel road off Monroe Rd. between the old River House Trading Post and the Dollar General.

The Station is for Pentwater residents and property owners only, and **a residency permit is required. NCBA Pentwater members can obtain a permit from the Township Clerk, 500 Hancock St. in Pentwater.**

**FREE DAY for DUMPING: August 22**

Click here to learn more: [PENTWATER TRANSFER STATION](#)



## LIMITED ACCESS DUNE COMMUNITY FORUM

**Thursday, June 11, 2026 at 10:00 AM**  
**Summit Township Hall, 4879 W Deren Rd, Ludington**

Our cottages are in a Limited Access Dune Community, with fairly isolated homes built among fragile sand dunes, where traditional emergency access is restricted by narrow roads, soft sand, and dense vegetation. All of these variables present a unique challenge for emergency services locating us.

The Limited Access Dune Community Forum, sponsored annually by the Mason-Oceana 911 Center, connects representatives of all the Mason-Oceana emergency services with individual property owners and lakeshore community organizations such as ours. We have the opportunity to hear from local leaders of public safety, and learn more about the fire, EMS and law enforcement agencies that serve our area. Members are encouraged to attend this informative event:

**Thursday, June 11, 2026 at 10:00 AM, Summit Township Hall, 4879 W Deren Rd, Ludington**  
**The planners ask that you RSVP if you plan to attend: [Connie Blaauw cblaauw@mason-oceana911.org](mailto:cblaauw@mason-oceana911.org), ph. 231-869-7911**

## NCBA Pentwater: Better Together

We are happy that so many neighbors have decided to join our neighborhood association! We believe that we all benefit when we can work together — pool our resources and talents — to meet our communal needs and protect our precious environment.

### NCBA Pentwater strives to:

- **connect us** through our shared love for our special place to a community that extends beyond our immediate neighbors.
- **educate us** about local news, events, and safety issues (such as fire risk) through our newsletters and website.
- **provide services**, such as the trash dumpster.
- **provide common-sense practices for “Living Well Together”** to protect our environment and ensure neighborliness (see p. 6).

Visit [ncbapentwater.org](http://ncbapentwater.org)



## Beach Update

Those of us who live in other parts of the country envy our neighbors who can go to Pentwater this early in the season.

Thanks to member **Dave Shannon** for the photos and update.

**Another BIG BEACH year!**



## What's Happening in Pentwater?

### *So much to look forward to!*

- **June 6 & 7: Bike MS: West Michigan** Bike MS® is one of the largest fundraising cycling series in the world, fueling life-changing treatment breakthroughs for the nearly 1 million people living with multiple sclerosis in the US. The West Michigan Bike MS event will take place in Holland on June 6 and 7 [CLICK HERE to learn more, register to ride, or donate](#) **AND/OR** [CLICK HERE to sponsor our neighbor Jeff Johnson who will ride 60 miles!](#)
- **June 13, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Annual Pentwater Community Garage Sale:** THE BEST way to replace items for your cottage! [LEARN MORE](#)
- **Spring Festival:** June 20 - 21, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Pentwater Village Green, featuring over 100 artist booths, music and food. To become a vendor: email [events@pentwater.org](mailto:events@pentwater.org) for an application.
- **June 25:** First summer band concert
- **ALL Pentwater Events:** For current and upcoming meetings, government sanctioned business, village sponsored events, or fun things to do in Pentwater, visit the Pentwater Chamber website [HERE](#) OR [Click Here for Events Calendar](#)

## Member Reminders:

- **Join NCBA Pentwater by June 1:** Your invitation was sent to the primary address on file in March. If your family intends to join and hasn't yet, mail your dues payment of \$250 to NCBA Pentwater, P.O. Box 11, Pentwater, 49449
- **Please consider joining the board!** Send your letter of intent or recommended candidate to: [pschwartz98110@yahoo.com](mailto:pschwartz98110@yahoo.com)
- **Print and share the "Practices for Living Well Together":** see the last page of this newsletter.
- **Visit our website:** <https://ncbapentwater.org> Create a member account to stay connected, access the directory, all resources and documents (e.g. survey results, meeting minutes, complete By-laws). Make sure you are included in the directory and check out the "vendor recommendation" page to submit or seek a recommendation of a trusted local service provider.

## Want more information?

### About NCBA Pentwater:

Email [ncbadirectors@gmail.com](mailto:ncbadirectors@gmail.com)

Visit NCBA Pentwater website: [NCBA Pentwater](#)

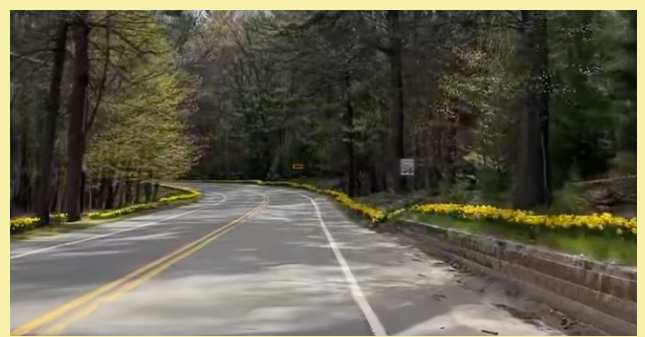
### About NCBA Conservation Organization:

Email [ncbaco@pentwater.org](mailto:ncbaco@pentwater.org)

Visit CO website: [NCBA CO](#)

**NCBA Pentwater Newsletter:** Comments, questions, suggestions for future content? Email [ncbaac@gmail.com](mailto:ncbaac@gmail.com) Editors: Jeff Johnson, Sue Eilert- Johnson, Patty Schwartz "Non-business" items welcome!

**About Lake Levels:** Click Here: [Army Corp of Engineers Great Lakes Water Management](#)



Thousands of daffodils line both sides of the road into Pentwater!

## Living Well Together in NCBA Pentwater

*We are mindful of how our actions may impact others, and that we are part of a residential community in which connection, collaboration, and respect are valued. These practices protect our natural environment, our homes, and the health, safety and well-being of our neighbors, ourselves, our families and guests.*

**Environment:** We do our part to protect the health and beauty of the forest, beach, dunes, and waters of Lake Michigan.

- **Household Waste** - We share responsibility for our precious garbage service! We deposit only bagged household waste in the neighborhood trash dumpster. We take recyclables and large items such as broken furniture, inflatable beach toys, electronics, lamps, etc. to the transfer station. When the dumpster is full we leave nothing on the ground for forest friends like raccoons and bears to redistribute. (Transfer station location can be found on the NCBA Pentwater website.)
- **Motorized Land Vehicles** - We use these only on established roads and never on the beach or fore dunes.
- **Beaches and Forest** - We all take responsibility for keeping waste off our beach and out of our woods.
- **Construction, Sanitation and Environmental Standards** – Michigan property owners are required to follow relevant ordinances of all governmental bodies.

**Safety:** We do our part to ensure the safety and well-being of all who live or work in or visit NCBA Pentwater community, and to preserve our homes and environment.

- **Fire**- Fire risk is a constant and very serious danger. Beach fires and fireworks pose especially high risk. We prevent the risk of wildfires by building campfires only in a concrete or steel fire ring, and only on the foredune in open sandy areas and away from dune grass. Ensuring the fire is completely out before leaving the ring and cleaning up all related debris is essential for fire safety. Winds can quickly spread fire and sparks.
- **Fireworks** - NCBA strongly discourages the use of personal fireworks due to the high level of threats they pose to our environment and personal safety.
- **Firearms and hunting** - We honor that the following are prohibited within the NCBA Pentwater boundaries: discharging of firearms, hunting or trapping game.
- **Motorized Watercraft** – We operate our watercraft at least 100 feet from people or rafts and use our jet skis at least 200 feet from shore except when approaching or leaving the beach at 5 mph or less. We refuel at fueling stations at marinas or in town.

**Neighborliness:** We do our part to protect the beauty, peace, and private character of our neighborhood.

- **Noise** - Because sound carries easily, we keep music and noise at volume levels that promote the serenity of our community.
- **Lighting** - Night darkness is a luxury many enjoy: dark woods, dark skies with the tapestry of stars overhead. Out of consideration for others, we minimize outdoor lighting and shield any from shining onto our neighboring properties.
- **Pets** - We monitor the activities and behavior of our pet(s) at all times. While in shared public areas (e.g. the beach or roadway), we maintain control of our pet and pick up waste.
- **Statutes:** We abide by municipal, county, state and federal laws, ordinances and regulations, especially with regard to: disturbing the peace, fireworks, firearms, camping, motorized watercraft, building permits, sanitation and environmental standards, and road or driveway construction permits.