

Our Neighborhood Association...

Dedicated to the preservation of our beautiful slice of heaven!

Email: ncbadirectors@gmail.com

Website: <https://ncbapentwater.org>

Dear Neighbors,

As Pentwater settles in for a long winter's nap, most of us have closed our cottages and headed home.

At the July Annual Meeting the membership voted unanimously to make three minor changes to the bylaws. People who have applied for a building permit are now eligible for membership, you may opt to receive your annual dues statement electronically and the membership year has been classified as the calendar year. If you haven't previously opted into electronic receipt of documents, please do so by sending an email to ncbadirectors@gmail.com.

Garbage collection fees remain our major expense. Rates continue to rise annually. Our best opportunity for keeping them as reasonable as possible is for each of us to follow the rules by breaking down all boxes and taking construction materials, furniture and other large objects to the Pentwater Township Transfer Station, <https://www.pentwatertownshipmi.gov/transfer-station.php>

To encourage use of the Transfer Station by ourselves and other township residents the board sent a letter to the Township requesting additional free days. See the letter and the Township response here [[link to letters](#)].

Planning for the installation of 911 compliant address signs continues after membership approval of the project at the Annual Meeting. We expect to install the signs next summer with the help of community volunteer labor.

As always, the board is interested in your thoughts about and ideas for NCBA Pentwater. Please communicate them to us by email at ncbadirectors@gmail.com.

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season.

David Reynolds
For the Board



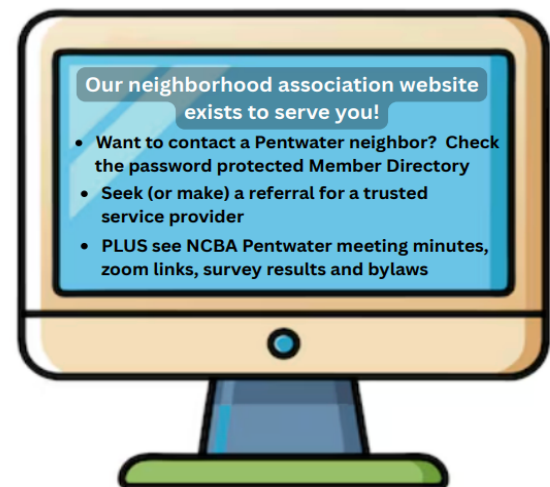
Upcoming Events

January, Date/Time TBD: NCBA Pentwater Board Meeting Watch your inbox for details, agenda and zoom link. All members are encouraged to attend.

NBCA Pentwater Board of Directors

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Trash Update/Reminders

During the shoulder seasons and winter, we reduce the frequency of garbage collection to contain our costs. The last scheduled pickup this fall will be on November 20th, after which we will revert to on-demand collection. Though it will remain available for use by members throughout the winter, the dumpster will be locked as of November 22nd. If you need to use the dumpster over the winter:

- access the key to the masterlock from a lockbox on the dumpster: enter code **8409**
- use the key to unlock the masterlock
- replace the key to the box: lay it flat, re-enter the code **8409**, and latch the lockbox.

A short instructional video showing how to unlock the dumpster after Nov. 22 was sent to members attached to the email that brought you this newsletter. Email the board if you wish to receive it:

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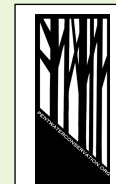
Pine Forest Loop Trail marker. Parking and public access off Business 31, across from the Pines Motel

Update From Our Sister Organization: Pentwater Conservation Organization

Toward the end of summer, the CO (now legally: Pentwater Conservation Organization) opened the Pine Forest Loop Trail with parking and public access from Business 31 across from the Pines Motel. The trail is an approximately ½ mile loop wandering through woods and dunes that are representative of the terrain throughout our community. Those who have used it find it peaceful and enjoyable. Over the next year or so the CO will be building a longer loop trail over its lands in the north part of the association with access from Lansing Avenue. The trails are for you and the public to use so please take advantage of them. Thank you for your continuing support of the CO.

David Reynolds
CO Board Member

Visit: pentwaterconservation.org



NCBA Pentwater Members Support the Pentwater Conservation Organization!

The original mission of NCBA was to protect the precious dunes and forest surrounding our cottages by obtaining land to prevent development, and the PCO is carrying that mission forward! In order to maintain their tax-exempt status (enabling the PCO to afford to keep their land holdings) public access is required. We celebrate the new trails that allow for public access while protecting our peace and private property! **It's important to acknowledge all the ways our neighbors have supported the PCO. Thank you to the CO Working Group, Ken Adams and Sons Excavating for generously donating the parking pad, those who worked on creating the trails, and those who donated funds!**



If you would like an assessment of fire risk/recommendations for your property, contact Troy Malone, director of Oceana County of Emergency Management [Click Here](#)



Fire Department Drive-Around

In August, NCBA Pentwater members had the opportunity to ride our roads with members of the Pentwater Fire Department to discuss fire safety in our community. Because our cottages are not easily accessed, and the Fire Department has limited capacity to fight dune grass fires, **it is critical that we all do our part to mitigate fire risk. Their recommendations:**

- Clear brush, fallen limbs and leaves away from the periphery of your cottage, especially within six feet
- Remove trees (and branches of trees) that grow within six feet of your cottage
- If you call the fire department to report a fire, be sure to indicate if it is a house fire or a dune grass fire, so they come prepared with the proper equipment
- And remember, if you are thinking of having a bonfire: wait for **no wind**, contain your fire in a containment ring well away from trees or dune grass, have a hose or bucket of water nearby to manage the fire, and ensure it is completely extinguished with water before leaving the site

Uniform Address Signage Project Update

Thank you for your participation in the Annual Meeting in July, and for voting unanimously to go forward with installing 911 compliant signs throughout our community. The cost of approximately \$3500 will be paid for with association funds, and the installation next spring and summer will be performed by volunteers. The existing wood signs on our roads will remain. Reflective signs with arrows indicating a range of addresses will be installed and road junctions, and house number signs will be installed at or near each cottage.

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Members voted on sign color at the Annual Meeting and the majority prefer brown.

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Microplastics, tiny pieces of plastic ranging in size from 5 mm to about the size of a pencil eraser, are created when larger plastic items break up in sun and wave action over time. Modeling studies have estimated that approximately 10,000 metric tons of plastics enter the Great Lakes every year, and have been detected in tap and bottled water, sea salt, and other products we eat and drink. Zooplankton, fish, mussels, and birds in the Great Lakes have been found to ingest microplastics, mistaking the debris for their natural food. In addition to being introduced into the food chain, lab studies have shown that microplastics may impact animals by interfering with development, reproduction, and the ability to fight disease.



Microplastics in the Great Lakes: Legislative Proposals

Many NCBA Pentwater residents attended Art Hirsch's lively presentation on Microplastics in the Great Lakes at the Pentwater Library on August 18th, and expressed interest in how they might help pass legislation before the Michigan Legislature.

Art has submitted an update on bills currently pending and has suggested that it will be a great help in getting this legislation passed if citizens write to legislators requesting them to discuss and pass these proposals. Of course, **it will be especially good if Michigan residents send these letters, but it will also be helpful if people who pay taxes in Michigan identify themselves as such and request action.**

To watch Art's presentation on YouTube [CLICK HERE](#)

The following microplastics bills have been introduced to the Michigan House and Senate. The Senate has conducted Committee hearings on the below mention bills. Please contact your local representatives (Rep VanderWall and Senator Bumstead) to support these microplastics bills:

- Senate Bill 503 (Irwin)/House Bill 4766 (Pohutsky): Ban the sale or manufacture of products containing microbeads; such as cosmetics, commercial and industrial cleaning products.
- Senate Bill 504 (Polehanki)/House Bill 4768 (Paiz): Create a microplastics drinking water program at EGLE to test public drinking water supplies for microplastics, make a risk assessment, and recommend actions for future monitoring and mitigation.
- Senate Bill 505 (Shink)/House Bill 4767 (Mentzer): Create a statewide microplastics research and monitoring plan to assess the scale of microplastics contamination and the risks it poses to human health and the environment and make recommendations for action and policy changes as part of a comprehensive strategy for addressing microplastics.

If you have questions or would like to provide further support, you can contact Art at ahirsch@terralogics.com Follow the issue on the website of the Michigan Microplastics Coalition: [CLICK HERE](#)

Submitted by Martha Wagner Weinberg

NCBA Pentwater Honors Our Loyal Friend, Terry Cluchey

*Terry Cluchey Retires After 40 Years of Service to
Pentwater*

Conversation with Martha Wagner Weinberg

In September of this year when I learned that my friend and great Pentwater citizen Terry Cluchey was about to retire from the Pentwater Fire Department and EMR service after 40 years, I arranged to have a conversation with him about his work and life in Pentwater. Here's a bit of the information I gathered from our meeting.

Terry was born and grew up in Pentwater and after graduating from Pentwater High School went to work for Marine Construction focusing on construction and maintenance of large machinery. In addition to his work there, he worked on cottage maintenance, at one time taking care of more than 60 cottages, including many in NCBA.

In 1985 he joined the Pentwater Volunteer Fire Department, where he eventually served for 18 years as Chief as well as an emergency medical responder. The Fire Department/EMR unit responds to an average of 30 to 40 calls a year, and, in addition to handling all manner of fire and medical calls and maintaining equipment, requires at least 40 hours of Continuing Education each year. According to Terry, one of the toughest parts of his job as Chief was making certain that enough volunteers could show up. This is especially difficult when fighting afternoon fires, since many volunteers are then at work at their paid jobs and have to drive some distance to get to Pentwater. He also emphasized how physically demanding the job is, especially when fire fighters have to don heavy fire-fighting gear.

The fire department teams with two other departments (Hart and Riverton) when there is a confirmed structure fire and its range includes fires within a 20 mile radius of Pentwater. The most taxing fire he encountered in Pentwater occurred when the Nickerson Inn burned. The best part of his job involved working with "a great, cooperative bunch of guys" and feeling great after heading to a fire and "putting the darn thing out."

Terry is married to Marilyn Cluchey (Pentwater's wonderful librarian for many years) and has two children and two grandchildren. Though he has traveled to all 50 states, he believes that "you can't beat living in Pentwater, with its small town atmosphere, safe environment and so many friendly people who help out on every matter of civic life."



In recognition of his service to all of us and to Pentwater, the NCBA Pentwater Board has sent a letter and certificate to Terry thanking him for all the help he has given us throughout the years. In addition to this, many of you who know him well may want to write individually to Terry. His address is 6690 Ridge Road, Pentwater 49449. I know he would appreciate hearing from you.

~Martha

Member Reminders:

- **Opt-in to receive association documents electronically:** If you haven't already, please send an email to ncbadirectors@gmail.org if you wish to receive association documents electronically rather than through the USPS
- **Visit our website:** <https://ncbapentwater.org> and **create a member account:** stay connected, use the Member Directory, access all resources and documents (e.g. survey results, meeting minutes, complete by-laws), and see the "vendor recommendation" page to submit or seek a recommendation of a trusted local service provider.

Want more information?

About NCBA/NCBA Pentwater:

Email ncbadirectors@gmail.com

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

About Pentwater Conservation Organization (PCO):

Email pentwaterconservation24@gmail.com

Visit PCO website: [PCO](#)

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

About Lake Levels: Click Here: [Army Corp of Engineers Weekly Great Lakes Water Level Update](#)



NCBA PENTWATER CORE VALUES: collaboration, connection, transparency, inclusiveness, integrity and accountability

MISSION STATEMENT: NCBA Pentwater is an inclusive and collaborative association which provides services, resources, and support to all who live or work in, or visit our community. We strive to work together and in partnership with the Pentwater Conservation Organization and other area organizations to meet communal needs, preserve the residential character of our community, and protect our natural environment.

