

North Central Beach Association

Dedicated to the preservation of our beautiful slice of heaven!

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Dear Neighbors,

Since last summer, a great deal of effort has been put forth by the Advisory Committee and the Board in reimagining the NCBA. Some of this has been evident in the correspondence and surveys you have received, in the new website and now in this newsletter.

As you may recall, the general sentiment last summer was to move away from the 1929 act under which we are incorporated and which requires everyone to be a member and move to a voluntary organization where those who wish to be members and share the services offered by the Association can and those to whom this doesn't appeal don't have to be members.

Legally separating from the 1929 act and reincorporating has proven more difficult than originally thought. I do not anticipate that the new incorporation and bylaws will be ready for a vote at the Annual Meeting on July 22nd due to notice requirements and our desire to have a comment period. As we are still operating under the 1929 act, we will have the Annual Meeting as planned with elections and likely schedule a special meeting for Labor Day weekend when we can vote on the new incorporation and bylaws.

We are all fortunate to have Pentwater in our lives. Let's focus on enjoying it together.

David Reynolds

President, NCBA Board of Trustees



Upcoming Events

June 17 NCBA Conservation Organization hosts a meeting for the public: 11:00 a.m. EST, Centenary United Methodist Church, 82 S Hancock St, Pentwater, or remotely via Zoom Email ncbacoptw@gmail.com

June 21 NCBA Advisory Committee meeting: 7:00 p.m. EST via Zoom. Email ncbaac@gmail.com for a Zoom link if you wish to join.

July 22 NCBA Board meeting: 9:00 a.m. followed by **NCBA Annual Membership Meeting**: 11 a.m. EST, Centenary United Methodist Church 82 S Hancock St, Pentwater, or remotely via Zoom Email ncbatrustees@gmail.com

Association members welcome to attend all meetings.

No Burn/Fire Advisory

It was a particularly dry May which means that our forests and dune grass have become explosive tinder. Oceana County is presently classified as a **No Burn Area** by the State of Michigan, and we expect it to remain so for the next four to six weeks. For all of us that means **no beach fires, flammable “sky lanterns” or fireworks, and certainly no fires around our cottages. Please notify your family members, guests and renters!** To follow Michigan's No Burn advisories, go to www.michigan.gov/burnpermit and click on “Can I Burn Today”. Then click on Oceana County



NCBA Annual Meeting: Join us!

Who: All NCBA members

When: July 22, 2023, 11:00 a.m.

Where: Centenary United Methodist Church, 82 S Hancock St, Pentwater. Members may also attend remotely via Zoom.

What: As a 501(c)(4) non-profit, NCBA hosts an all-member meeting annually. Members will be updated on NCBA procedures and policies and have the opportunity ask questions and vote to elect new members to the Board. Per the bylaws, a Nominating Committee (Geoff Turk, Peggy Pierce Barbour, and Patty Shannon Schwartz) will create a slate of recommended qualified nominees from those submitted from within the community. Information about each candidate on the slate will be presented to all NCBA members in advance, and at the Annual Meeting July 22, members will vote to elect individuals from the slate and/or nominated (by self or other) from the floor at the meeting.

NEW NCBA Website: NCBAPentwater.org

Our brand new website is now up and running! It includes public and members-only sections.

Visit the website to find:

- Contact links
- All meeting minutes for the NCBA, including the Board, General meetings, and Advisory Committee
- Links to environmental and safety information
- Forms to fill out to add or update your contact information in the Member Directory

NCBA Advisory Committee

Convened last September, the NCBA Advisory Committee (AC) is a group of eighteen neighbor volunteers who have been meeting monthly to support the work and mission of the NCBA, and to evaluate and update our Bylaws. Their first comprehensive survey conducted in October identified members' priorities for services and support. Sub-committees of AC members were formed to address those priorities, including:

Infrastructure (i.e. roads, trash, signage)

Communication/inclusion (i.e. website, emails, surveys)

“Living Well Together” (i.e. fostering a sense of community, educating members, conveying recommended practices for protecting the environment)

Their work on behalf of the community is ongoing, and we thank the many neighbor volunteers on the AC!

Want to pitch in or have questions? Email ncbaac@gmail.com

- A vendor recommendation section to share trusted and reliable vendors (maintenance, construction, cleaning, etc.)

(Note that this is a new NCBA-owned website, and is unaffiliated with the old website.)

NCBA Trash Dumpster

Many of us are old enough to remember the days when we had to haul our trash home with us or to the dump! One of the benefits of being a member of NCBA is trash disposal service, which NCBA contracts with a private company. We enjoy this convenience thanks to volunteers in our community who generously donate their time to coordinate the service on our behalf. It is important that we all do our part to dispose of our household trash properly. Please:

- Use the dumpster for **bagged household trash only**. Items such as inflatable beach toys, furniture, electronics and construction materials need to be hauled to the transfer station (see below).
- To make most efficient use of the space, **any boxes added to the dumpster need to be broken down and flattened**.
- If the dumpster is full, **PLEASE do not leave your trash on top or next to the dumpster**, which will result in animals scattering your trash! Instead, wait and add your trash after it has been emptied.
- **Minimize your trash**. Remember, Michigan bottles and cans are returnable, or can be donated to/dropped off at the VFW. We strongly encourage members to recycle. Paper, tin, cardboard, glass and plastic can be taken to the Pentwater Township recycling center off Monroe Rd, near the on ramp to US 31. For most up-to-date info: <http://www.pentwatertwp.org/transfer-station.html>

Hemlock Woolly Adelgid

The hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA) is an invasive pest that kills most of the hemlock trees it infests. Unfortunately, HWA has been detected at several locations within NCBA boundaries, and we risk entire groves of trees being killed if left untreated. Please, if you haven't already, pursue one of the following options:

- **Muskegon Conservation District** provides services using state-approved methods on an at-cost basis. Pursue on-site estimate online: www.muskegoncd.org or contact the program lead Kara Cronk: kara.cronk@macd.org. (Note: Many NCBA neighbors have opted for this HWA treatment and were satisfied with the result.)
- **Ottawa Conservation District Public Grant Funded Program** Many of us granted permission to have our properties surveyed, in hopes of receiving treatment funded by this grant. Last winter's survey extended as far south in NCBA as Parsons Avenue. The next round of survey begins in November, and it is unknown if/when they will resume surveying within NCBA. Property owners wanting to check the status of their registration or the schedule for treating tagged trees may want to contact team leads Keely Dunham-Adkins at keely.dunham-adkins@macd.org and Natalie Bekins at natalie.bekins@macd.org.
- **Private Contractors** The cost for these services will be higher than the Muskegon Conservation District's at-cost option. The treatment techniques offered varies from business to business, and the standards for treatment may differ from publicly sponsored programs. Check the NCBA website for contractor recommendations.

- **Do-It-Yourself** Local conservation districts will provide technical guidance in keeping with their approved standards.

For more information about HWA, email NCBA CO: ncbaco@pentwater.com

Want more information?

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NCBA Conservation Organization

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NCBA Advisory Committee

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NCBA Nominating Committee

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