

# D.L.P.S.A

*Duck Lake Peninsular Shores Association*



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## CURRENT BY- LAWS?

Updated on our website!  
[www.DLPSA.net](http://www.DLPSA.net)

## MEETING MINUTES?

Updated on our website!

## UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

- **October 30, 2021** (On or around) | **Tennis Court Net Removal**  
(*weather permitting*)
- **October 31, 2021** | **Trunk or Treat and bonfire** | 6 PM - 8 PM  
At Schworm Park
- **November 6, 2021** (On or around) | **Removal of Boat Dock at the Ramp** (*weather permitting*)
- **November 27, 2021** | **Toys for Tots Collection** | 3 PM - 5 PM  
DLPSA Pavilion at Schworm Park
- **February 26, 2022** | **Winter Meet & Greet Bonfire** | 3 PM - 6 PM  
(*weather permitting*) On the lake off Sunset Beach Park
- **April 1, 2022** (On or around) | **Re-install Tennis Court Net**  
(*weather permitting*)
- **April 16, 2022** (On or around) | **Install Boat Ramp/Dock**  
(*weather permitting*)
- **May 21, 2022** | **Spring General Meeting** | 5 PM  
DLPSA Pavilion at Schworm Park followed by a bonfire
- **May 31, 2022** | **Annual Membership Payments Due**
- **June 4, 2022** | **Peninsula Garage Sale** | 9 AM - 4:30 PM  
DLPSA Provides Record-Eagle Ads June 2 & 3
- **July 4, 2022** | **Peninsula Parade & Duck Lake Boat Parade**
- **July 16, 2022** | **Annual DLPSA Picnic** | 3 PM - 9 PM  
DLPSA Park - This is a community event open to all Peninsula residents and their guests, thanks to Scott Hocking, Tom Fabatz & Jeff Beaton
- **September 10, 2022** | **Annual Meeting** | 5 PM  
DLPSA Pavilion at Schworm Park followed by a bonfire
- **October 29, 2022** | **Tennis Court Net Removal** (*weather permitting*)
- **November 5, 2022** | **Removal of Boat Dock at the Ramp**  
(*weather permitting*)

# A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Duck Lake Peninsula Residents. It's been one year since I accepted the responsibility of President of our home owner's association. I'm very proud of what your Board has accomplished in this first year and look forward to continuing to make improvements on this wonderful place to call home.

We've introduced a number of community friendly events this year including bonfires in Schworm Park, the Winter Meet & Greet on the lake at Sunset Beach Park and a movie in the Park. We're planning our first annual "Trunk or Treat" in Schworm Park this Halloween. This event will be held Sunday, October 31, 2021, from 6-8 pm. The idea is to have anyone planning to be home on Halloween to come to Schworm Park and hand out candy from your vehicle. Please plan to be in the Park no later than 5:45 pm to get set-up. Cars, trucks, golf cars, etc., are welcome. And, decorating your vehicle, as well as wearing costumes is encouraged. We feel this is a more convenient and safer way for our younger residents to experience the joys of Halloween and collect their treats. We will also have a nice bonfire going during this event. So, turn off your lights this Halloween and meet us in the Park. If there are any questions on this please reach out to Kathy Bickel or myself.

As you'll see in the Upcoming Events Calendar, on page 1 of this newsletter, we are planning to hold the second annual Winter Meet & Greet Bonfire this Winter. We'll look forward to seeing everyone that can make it to this event. And, we'll continue to introduce opportunities for you to meet and interact with all of our community members. Further details on the Winter event, as well as other planned activities, are available on our website, [www.DLPSA.net](http://www.DLPSA.net). Please check this periodically and watch for email updates to those email addresses we have on file.

If you haven't already done so, I would encourage you to provide us with your email address. We will use this to provide important information and updates on what's happening on the Peninsula. We promise not inundate you with multiple emails but keep you informed with typically less than one email per month.



I certainly encourage and welcome any thoughts, comments or suggestions any community member might have to improve life on the Peninsula. You can reach out to me directly at [schonhoffken@gmail.com](mailto:schonhoffken@gmail.com), call me at (313) 300-2132 or contact anyone on the Board. If you'd like to remain anonymous you can forward your thoughts to our P.O. Box (344) or place a note in my mailbox. I can assure you all thoughts or suggestions will be reviewed by the Board and acted on accordingly.

Finally, one of the keys to building a strong community atmosphere is to assure all current and especially new members feel welcomed. In this regard, if you have a new neighbor or know of anyone new to the Peninsula, please assure that I or another Board Member is aware of them. We'll make sure new residents receive a welcome packet and are made aware of all the wonderful amenities available on the Peninsula and in the general area.

Thank you for your time in reviewing our Fall Newsletter. On behalf of myself and our Board Members, we look forward to making your time on the Peninsula special and enjoyable. I think we can all agree this is a phenomenal place to live and the more we can do to have a positive experience as a community the better.



## YOUR BOARD MEMBERS



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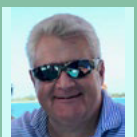
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## RESIDENT DIRECTORY?

Please check out our website! [www.DLPSA.net](http://www.DLPSA.net)

## WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS!

**Brad & Monique Drury**  
3813 White Birch Drive

**Paul & Michelle Postal**  
3792 Peninsular Shores Drive

**Thoman & Pamela Moyles**  
3870 Central Park Drive

**Scott & Renee Hills**  
4280 East Shore Drive

**Kurt & Ruth Uhlig**  
4081 Central Park Drive



## IMPORTANT!

Posted speeds of 25 miles per hour need to be observed. Please report any speeders to the Grand Traverse County Sheriffs Department.

## ADDRESS NUMBERS

To assist emergency units and fire departments find your home, please clearly identify your property with a reflective house number on the roadway at or near your mailbox post. Green / white reflective house numbers can be obtained from the Green Lake fire department for a \$20 fee.

## NEWS AND EVENTS

News and events will be posted on our website at [www.DLPSA.net](http://www.DLPSA.net). We also send information via email. If you would like to add, change your email or mailing address to our distribution list, please send your email address to Kathy Bickel at [katbic55@gmail.com](mailto:katbic55@gmail.com).

## OUR PENINSULA COMMUNITY

### Humans need community.

We inherently seem to understand the strength that comes from living with others. Beyond simply providing a means to better find and share food and to ward off danger, we seem to have long ago discovered the deeper, intrinsic benefits that come with living in communities. Research supports that living in a strong and supportive community has a positive influence on our perception of our overall quality of life, our physical health and makes life more enjoyable in general. But what does it take to be a positive community? Stephanie Caldwon writes in [Positvepsychology.com](http://Positvepsychology.com) that there are ten key characteristics that positive communities have in common.

### The characteristics are that they:

- Work together toward a common goal
- Allow for freedom of expression
- Promote fairness
- Set clear policies and obligations
- Maintain sensitivity toward members
- Celebrate community heritage
- Promote interaction among members
- Elect leaders that stand by community values
- Prioritize effective communication
- Make smart decisions

The DLPSA Board is currently having discussions on ways to strengthen our sense of community through various community events and improve our utilization of the park and accesses. We ask that you engage with your Board and give us your ideas on how we can complete these goals.

**David Marsh**

Maintenance Chair

## REMEMBRANCE

**Elizabeth Cloutier**, died August 12, 2021.

**Mark Gustafson**, died August 19, 2021. Former resident.

**Scott Serschen**, died July 2, 2021.

**Andrew Griffin**, died Oct 1, 2021.

## WANT TO RESERVE THE PARK PAVILION?

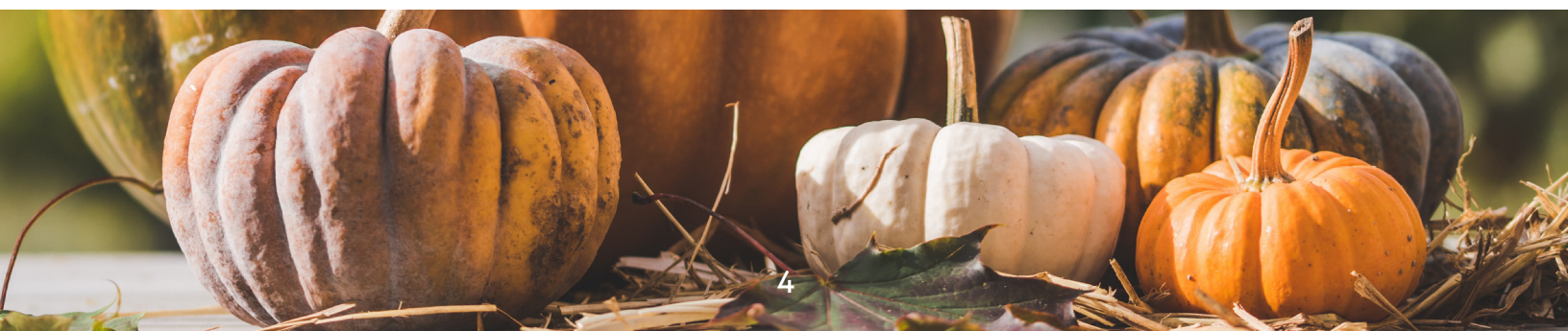
To reserve the Schworm Park Pavilion look at the "General Information" page on the [www.DLPSA.net](http://www.DLPSA.net) website for open dates. Contact Kathy Bickel at 231-645-6476 or email [katbic55@gmail.com](mailto:katbic55@gmail.com). A \$25 refundable deposit is required.

## NEED A BOAT LAUNCH KEY?

If you need a facility KEY, contact Paul Johnson (269) 767-1826, or his wife Cathy (269) 639-7999. Please leave a message if no one answers. Paul's address is 4076 Peninsular Shores Drive. Keys are 1 per lot with paid dues. New Duck Lake floating key fobs are available, just ask.

## TOYS FOR TOTS

On November 27th from 3pm - 5pm at the DLPSA Pavilion please drop off any new, unwrapped toys for donation. Toy distribution will take place mid to late December.





## MEMORIAL PLAQUES

As noted in our Spring Newsletter, our new park benches provide an opportunity for Memorial Plaques to be incorporated. The cost for each plaque is \$400 and will go towards the purchase of additional new benches as deemed necessary. To date, we have received requests for three such plaques. The first was from long-time residents John and Paul Schroeder in honor of their parents and reads “Thank you Reba & Ernest Schroeder Loon Lookout.” This plaque will be placed on one of the benches at South Beach Park at the end of East Shore Drive. Reba and Ernest were one of the first families on the Peninsula. After camping at Interlochen State Park for many years and rowing their boat over to explore the Peninsula one Summer in 1951 they found a for sale sign and early development with sand roads. They bought a lot for \$700 and built the basic half-log cabin in 1952 without any electricity, electricity had not come down Central Park Road yet, by two Swedish Carpenters by hand and sweat. The cabin still stands today. If you walk the Peninsula, you’ve likely seen the sign “Loon Lookout” at the road in front. You might recall Phyllis and Paul Schroeder were the Grand Marshall’s of our 2021 4th of July Parade around the Peninsula.

The second plaque to be placed at North Beach Park reads “In loving memory of our dear Granddaughter, Meghan Elizabeth Speiles, March 3, 1996 - January 31, 2003.

The third plaque to be placed at Sandy Shores Park purchased by Paul Johnson and family reads, “Bud & Doneva Johnson, Loved Living their dream on Duck Lake.”



### ***Meghan Speiles***

Meghan Speiles was born on March 22, 1996, to her proud parents Mark and Kim Speiles of Ann Arbor, Michigan. Her sister is Makenna Anne and her brother is Jacob Speiles. Meghan was an intelligent, happy, and energetic first grader at King Elementary School in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The week before she became ill, she was the “Star of the Week” in her class at school. She was a Brownie Girl Scout and received a new badge the same week. Meghan loved coming up to Duck Lake in the summer time to visit with Grandma Anne and Grandpa Tom. Meghan was an outgoing little girl who enjoyed colorful flowers, arts and crafts, and dancing around. Meghan enjoyed trying to catch butterflies in her little net. She had fun playing in the water and looked forward to many boat rides and fishing. She was our bundle of joy.

On January 31, 2003, after a brief illness, Meghan suddenly passed away due to Influenza A and Bacterial Pneumonia. We miss her dearly. Tom and Anne Speiles, Meghan’s Grandparents purchased their property on Duck Lake in 1979. In 1984, they moved into their new cottage with their three sons. Today Tom and I are very blessed to live in this beautiful area of the Northland on Duck Lake. We are especially thankful for the nice and caring neighbors who surround us.





### ***Bud and Doneva Johnson***

Bud and Doneva Johnson were able to live out their dream of living on Duck Lake Peninsula and raise their family on the lake. Bud and Doneva built their first home on the peninsula at 4094 Peninsular Shores Drive. This was the 6th home to be built on the peninsula and at the time it was at the end of the road. Bud was a contractor by trade, and he built this home entirely by hand without any power tools. Seven years later they sold that home and built a home at 4076 Peninsular Shores where they lived for the next 65 years raising 2 sons a daughter and sharing their beloved Duck Lake with 9 grandchildren and many great grandchildren.

Bud was an avid hunter and fisherman and he could be found on the lake winter and summer fishing and enjoying the outdoors. Doneva was an amazing cook

and loved to fry up his catch of the day. Bud and Doneva believed in giving back and were always available to help out a neighbor start their furnace, prime their pump, mow their lawn, shovel their roof and provide the news of the peninsula for its residents. Bud also built and/or remodeled 27 houses on the peninsula. Not many people get to live their dream but Bud and Doneva did. Bud brought Doneva to where their first home would later be built when they were dating. He promised Doneva that someday they would live there. After serving in the Navy during WWII Bud returned from the war to marry Doneva and move to his dream spot-Duck Lake Peninsula.

## **SHORT-TERM RENTALS**

Short-Term rentals continue to be a concern and potential nuisance for many of our community members. It should be noted that such activity is in violation of both Section A & C of our Protective Covenants. Section A of the Protective Covenants says “lots shall be used exclusively for residential purposes.” Section C states “no commercial enterprise or business of any nature shall be carried on upon any lot nor shall anything be done thereon which may be or become an annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood.”

## **CHICKENS & ROOSTERS PROHIBITED**

The Green Lake Township Zoning Ordinance prohibits raising or keeping of Chickens and especially Roosters on the Peninsula. All property on the Peninsula is considered Lake Residential District (LK). Article 4 - General Provisions, 4.29 The Keeping of Livestock Other Than Horses, C. Regulations and Standards for Keeping of Mature Fowl.

## **TENNIS AND PICKLE BALL COURT**

The Tennis & Pickle Ball Court in Schworm Park is one of our premier assets on the Peninsula and needs to be treated as such. It is for the explicit use for Tennis and Pickle Ball only. There have been times when residents have seen children playing on the courts on bicycles, skateboards or other wheeled toys, which must be prohibited. Everyone’s assistance to assure wheeled vehicles are not used on the court is greatly appreciated.



# KNOW THE BASICS

## PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

### 9 Walking Safety Tips

1. Be predictable. Follow the rules of the road and obey signs and signals.
2. Walk on sidewalks whenever they are available.
3. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic and as far from traffic as possible.
4. Keep alert at all times; don't be distracted by electronic devices that take your eyes (and ears) off the road.
5. Whenever possible, cross streets at crosswalks or intersections, where drivers expect pedestrians. Look for cars in all directions, including those turning left or right.
6. Never assume a driver sees you. Make eye contact with drivers as they approach to make sure you are seen.
7. Be visible at all times. Wear bright clothing during the day, and wear reflective materials or use a flashlight at night.
8. Watch for cars entering or exiting driveways, or backing up in parking lots.
9. Avoid alcohol and drugs when walking; they impair your abilities and your judgment.



### DOGGIE BAG DISPENSERS

Here are the bag dispensers for use at all Peninsula access areas and throughout the neighborhood. These PVC ones are water tight and bug resistant. They accept 3 rolls of bags, one being dispensed and two in storage. To feed a new roll, the black end cap slides off and you have to manually feed a new bag from the next roll in. Thank you David for your innovative idea and labor to build! Also, please don't leave your doggie waste behind in a park or on someone else's property. Thanks!

