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Duck Lake Peninsular Shores Association

WANT TO SEE OR SHARE POSITIVE INFORMATION?

Join and monitor the Facebook Site "The Daily Duck." The Daily Duck was established to connect with Duck Lake Peninsula community members in a positive manner.

KEEP UP ON WHAT'S HAPPENING

News and events will be posted on our website at DLPSA.net. We also send valuable information via e mail. If you'd like to be included, please provide Kathy Bickel, katbic55@gmail.com, with your email.

WOULD YOU LIKE A COPY OF OUR TREASURER'S REPORT

Contact Kathy Bickel,
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2023 UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

- **May 20, 2023 at 5:00 PM | Spring General Meeting**
DLPSA Park Pavilion
- **May 31, 2023 | Annual Membership Payments Due**
- **June 3, 2023 from 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM | Peninsula Garage Sale**
- **June 21, 2023 at 8:00 PM | Summer Solstice Celebration**
Sunset Beach Park
- **July 4, 2023 at 10:00 AM (Start) | Peninsula Parade**
Schworm Park
- **July 15, 2023 from 3:00 PM - 10:00 PM | Annual DLPSA Picnic**
Schworm Park. This is a community event open to all Peninsula residents, their families and guests, thanks to Jeff Beaton, Tom Fabatz & Scott Hocking
- **August 12, 2023 at 1:00 PM | DLPSA Summer Celebration "The Point"** At the South end of Duck Lake
- **September 9, 2023 at 5:00 PM | Annual Meeting**
Schworm Park Pavilion
- **September 23, 2023 at 7:00 PM | Autumnal Equinox Meet & Greet**
Sunset Beach Park
- **October 28, 2023 from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM | Trunk-or-Treat**
Schworm Park
- **October 31, 2023 | Removal of Tennis Court Net**
- **November 4, 2023 | Removal of Boat Launch Dock**

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Duck Lake Peninsula Residents. As we welcome warmer weather, we look forward to seeing our neighbors, friends and community members out enjoying this wonderful place we call home. I'm hopeful many of you are taking advantage of the numerous facilities available throughout the Peninsula and Schworm Park.

We have decided to offer a new key for the Boat Launch and Schworm Park Facilities this year. This is something that is generally done every 4-5 years for a number of reasons. Distribution of the new keys has been completed and the locks have been changed. If you need a new key contact Paul Johnson.

Please refer to the Upcoming Events Calendar for details on our 2023 events. We're looking forward to our annual July 4th Peninsula Parade. This parade has grown into a very fun and popular event. We're going to recognize and celebrate our many Peninsula veterans this year, more to follow on this. We'll continue with some summer events, introduced this past year and add some new events, e.g. "Meet at the Point" on the South end of Duck Lake, August 12. We've elected to discontinue "Movies in the Park" due to the logistics of late sunsets in warmer weather and lack of participation. For future updates on events, please visit our website www.DLPESA.net periodically.

Invoices for our annual Association Dues for 2023-2024 from Treasurer, Kathy Bickel have been sent. PayPal is now available as an option for payment. Please reach out to Kathy with any questions in this regard.

One of the keys to building a strong community atmosphere is to assure all current and especially new members feel welcomed. If you have a new neighbor or know of anyone new to the Peninsula, please make sure that I or another Board Member are aware of them. We monitor the sale and purchase of property here, but it doesn't hurt to have other means to assure no one is overlooked. New residents receive a welcome packet and are made aware of all the wonderful amenities available on the Peninsula.

We continue to receive complaints or frustration from our community members with speeding, dogs not on leashes, dog waste not properly handled or disposed of, kids on golf cars, misuse of Park facilities, etc. Let's all do our part to assure we're not contributing to these concerns. If you have an issue with a chronic speeder, call the Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Office, attention Sheriff Mark Noffke, at (231) 995-500. With dog or animal issues please contact Traverse City Animal Control at (231) 995-6080. For those pet owners walking your dog(s) please don't make others responsible to clean-up after your pet.

Thank you for your time in reviewing our Spring Newsletter. On behalf of myself and our Board Members, we look forward to making your time on the Peninsula special and enjoyable. If you have any thoughts or ideas that you feel would improve life on the Peninsula, please do not hesitate to get with any of your Board Members. **Have a great Summer!**

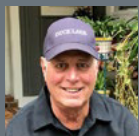
IMPORTANT: WATCH YOUR SPEED!

The posted speed limit on all Peninsula roads, past the narrows, is 25 MPH. Our streets are our sidewalks. It's one of the many pleasures of living on the Peninsula enjoyed by walkers, runners, cyclists, golf cars, pets on leashes, etc. Speeding and disobeying the stop signs on Central Park Drive, especially the intersection of Ivan Drive, which are private roads, is a major concern. There are many children along Central Park. **HELP KEEP OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS SAFE!** Please do your part by watching your speed. Report any habitual speeders to the Grand Traverse Sheriff's Department.

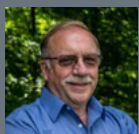
BOAT LAUNCH PARKING:

We had a situation recently where residents using the boat launch parked their vehicles and trailers three abreast totally blocking access to Ivan drive. Of course, space for parking is limited. For those close by, if you could consider taking your vehicle and trailer back to your residence it would be greatly appreciated. For those that can't do this please be respectful of the property owners near the launch and never block access to any of our roads.

YOUR BOARD MEMBERS



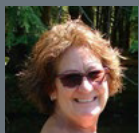
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RESIDENT DIRECTORIES

Please refer to our website DLPSA.net

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS!

Brad & Terra Fite
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4124 White Birch Drive

Samantha Pomranky
4062 Central Park Drive

Rachel Fertig
3704 Peninsular Shores Drive

Laura Browalski, Kevin & Lisa Tracy
4104 East Shore Drive

Ronald & Deborah Olrich
4090 Central Park Drive

REMEMBRANCE

Erich Zimmer
January, 2023

SCHWORM PARK FACILITIES

The Tennis, Pickle Ball and Shuffleboard Courts are some of our premier assets on the Peninsula and need to be treated as such. These courts are for the explicit use of tennis, pickle ball or shuffleboard only. We've had instances where there have been children playing on the courts with bicycles, skateboards or other wheeled toys, which must be prohibited for their safety and protection of these valued properties. Everyone's assistance to assure there is no misuse of these courts is greatly appreciated.



The dedication ceremony of our Boat Launch in honor of long-time resident and Peninsula contributor Bill Happ.

MISPLACED YOUR BOAT LAUNCH OR PARK FACILITIES KEY?

Contact Paul Johnson, (269) 767-1826 or pljohnson14723@comcast.net. Paul's address is 4076 Peninsular Shores Drive. If you can't get in touch with Paul his wife Cathy would be glad to assist at (269) 639-7999.

WANT TO RESERVE THE PARK PAVILION?

Schworm Park and the Pavilion are available to community members for special occasions. To reserve these assets look at the "General Information" page on DLPSA.net for open dates. Contact Ken Chamberlain, (517) 881-5594 or email kenc@fnwusers.com to reserve your date and time.



EMERGENCY RESPONSE

To assist needed ambulance, fire department and/or emergency response to your home, especially in the overnight hours, please place reflective house numbers near the road or near your mailbox post. Green & white reflective house number signs can be obtained from the Green Lake Township Fire & Rescue in Interlochen. There is a \$20 fee.

DID SOMEONE ORDER FISH FLIES?

Some might think the Mayfly hatches recently are annoying but keep in mind they are a sign of a very healthy lake. And, they are completely harmless to humans!

KNOW THE BASICS

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

1. Always walk facing traffic and try to be as far away from the traffic as possible.
2. Be as visible as possible, especially during sunrise and sunset where glare can be problematic for drivers. Wear bright clothing during the day and reflective materials or lights/flashlight at night.
3. Keep alert at all times. Don't be distracted by electronic devices/cell phones that take your eyes or ears off the road or your surroundings.
4. Watch for vehicles in all directions including those turning left or right at our intersections.
5. Never assume a driver sees you as there's a good chance they're not paying full attention. Try to make eye contact with drivers to assure you are being seen.
6. Watch for vehicles entering or exiting driveways.
7. Be mindful of the many golf cars traveling our streets.
8. Avoid anything that might impair your abilities or judgment when enjoying our streets.
9. If you see habitual speeders bring them to the attention of the Grand Traverse County Sheriffs Office by calling (231) 995-5000.



SHORT-TERM RENTALS ARE PROHIBITED

One of the greatest concerns or potential annoyances to our community members is living next to a property that might be used as a short-term rental. Short-term rentals, less than 30 days, is in violation of both Section A & C of our Protective Covenants. Section A states “lots shall be used exclusively for residential purposes.” Section C says “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.”

JOINING THE GREEN LAKE AND DUCK LAKE ASSOCIATION

We are very fortunate to have the Green Lake and Duck Lake Association (GLADLA) protecting our lake. And, equally fortunate to have three residents on the Peninsula on the Board of Directors of this Association, including their new President, Paul Johnson. The GLADLA regularly tests water quality, monitors and treats the lakes for invasive weed species and provides community outreach & environmental education on water quality. Of course, funding is always an important aspect of maintaining a successful association. Please consider becoming a GLADLA Member with an annual donation of \$25. To become a member, visit their website at www.GLADLA.org. As a member you'll receive periodic newsletters on important related watershed information.

JULY 4TH PENINSULA PARADE

2023 will be our fifth annual parade around the Peninsula. This event has grown greatly in popularity over the years. We'll have continued support from the Green Lake Fire & Rescue Team, as well as the Grand Traverse Sheriffs Department. We look forward to seeing our community members once again whether on foot, bicycles, golf cars, classic automobiles, tractors, etc., proudly decorated in red, white and blue! We will recognize and celebrate the many veterans in our community. Please join us at the Pavilion in Schworm Park by no later than 9:45 am. There will be refreshments and candy for the kids to toss out along the route. The Parade will start at 10:00 am. If you're not able to join please come out on your street-side yard or driveway to cheer on those participating and salute our veterans. Our Veterans will be the Grand Marshall(s) of this year's parade. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Bickel or Ken Schonhoff.



PARK BENCHES MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITY

We have a number of benches at our various parks and along the canal that are available to have a Memorial Plaque placed on them. The cost is \$400 for each memorial and will be used to acquire additional benches, if deemed necessary. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Kathy Bickel or Ken Schonhoff. If you would like to see some examples of this, there are benches at Sandy Shores Park, North Beach Park, South Beach Park and near the Tennis Court that contain memorial plaques.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH CHERRYLAND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

As most should be aware, Cherryland Electric is in the process of placing most overhead power supply wiring underground. They just completed a second phase of the boring process to include all of Peninsular Shores Drive to the South end of White Birch Drive. The boring process is something that is done in early Spring or what they consider "off season" on the Peninsula to be less disruptive to pedestrians and traffic. Subsequently, the boring process is done for 2023. Future phases of the boring process will be done over the next several years. Our main contact could not confirm the next phase as these decisions will be made when securing annual budgets.

The next phase for Peninsular Shores will be hooking up buried lines and setting transformers above ground. We anticipate this next task to start sometime in June and take about 5 to 6 weeks to complete. This should allow seeding and restoration efforts to be completed and established within this year's growing season.

It is also important to note that Spectrum has been out following Cherryland's lead to bury overhead cable and internet lines as well. If you have any questions in this regard, please contact Ron Carr at Cherryland Electric at (231) 649-4060.

GARLIC MUSTARD IDENTIFICATION & CONTROL

Garlic Mustard, a Class A noxious weed, is a biennial or Winter annual herb that generally grows 2-3 feet but can reach as high as 6 feet. Introduced from Europe originally as a food plant this species is now a serious concern in forests across North America. It is an invasive, non-native, herb that spreads by seed. It is not eaten by local wildlife or insects. And, it is difficult to control once it has reached a site. It can cross-pollinate or self-pollinate at a high seed production rate and it out-competes native vegetation.

Garlic Mustard has a taproot and unlike some other invasive perennials it does not regenerate from root fragments. Therefore, this is one of the few invasive plant species that can be controlled simply by pulling it out of the ground manually. Manual operations or pulling out this weed, to completely remove shoot tissue will prevent regrowth. Small infestations are effectively controlled by grasping the leaves & stems, removing the entire taproot, bagging and destroying of it or throwing it away. The best time to do this is before they set seed, which is early Spring or in the Fall, especially after rainfall. Here's what it looks like. Let's try to keep this weed from overtaking and destroying preferred vegetation on the Peninsula.



KEEPING OUR PENINSULA & SHORELINE BEAUTIFUL

We all are interested in keeping Duck Lake and its shoreline as beautiful as it can be. One step in doing so is by planting or replanting trees & plants native to Northern Michigan. The most common trees are Sugar Maple, Red Maple, Northern White Cedar, Red Pine, Quaking Aspen, Serviceberry and Dogwood. Spring and Fall are the best times to plant trees. Native plants for North Western Michigan include Peony, Tulips (of course), Allium, Echinacea, Phlox, Hydrangea, Ninebark and Astilbe, among others. There are several local nurseries that can help you choose a tree or plant that will thrive where you want to place it.

It's easy to have your shoreline property cluttered with multiple water toys, Wave Runners, boats, canoes, unneeded dock & accessories, etc. Please do your part to minimize clutter so your neighbors, as well as those admiring this wonderful place from the water, can enjoy the natural beauty of our shoreline. Keeping our shoreline as beautiful as most do with their street side appearance will certainly be pleasing to everyone.

MANAGING PETS ON THE PENINSULA

We've had complaints regarding dogs not on leashes and freely roaming Peninsula properties. The State of Michigan has a Leash Law that requires all dogs to be on a leash, which means the dog owner is required to enforce this law by keeping their animal securely on a leash and under control in public areas. Dog owners should also be reasonably responsible to clean up after their pets. There are dog clean-up bags available at all the Parks. These bags should be used and deposited in the owners trash, **NOT LEFT ON PUBLIC PROPERTY ON THE PENINSULA!** It should not be the responsibility of others to remove these filled bags from areas along the canal, at the boat launch or other access areas. C'mon dog owners, this should not need be an issue!