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Duck Lake Peninsular Shores Association



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The Daily Duck was started as a way to connect with residents and neighbors on Duck Lake Peninsula. Over the past summer some of these posts have become negative. Pictures, “lost and found”, “in search of” posts, community gatherings and events will be allowed. Advertisements, complaints about speeders, golf carts, political discord, children, etc. will not. There are other avenues for complaints, namely local law enforcement. Let’s enjoy our beautiful community, Let’s remember to be kind to one another on The Daily Duck.

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

- **October 26, 2024 | Trunk and Treat & Bonfire | 5 PM - 7 PM**
Schworm Park
- **November 2, 2024 (On or around) | Tennis Court Net Removal**
- **November 2, 2024 (On or around) | Removal of Boat Ramp Dock**
- **December 7, 2024 | Toys for Tots Collection | 10 AM - 12 PM**
DLPSA Pavilion at Schworm Park
- **December 14, 2024 | Holiday Celebration | 6 PM**
Schworm Park
- **February 22, 2025 | Winter Meet & Greet Bonfire & Chili / Mac & Cheese Cook-Off 3 PM - 6 PM** Schworm Park
- **April 1, 2025 (On or around) | Re-install Tennis Court Net**
- **April 13, 2025 (On or around) | Install Boat Ramp Dock**
- **May 17, 2025 | Spring General Meeting | 5 PM**
DLPSA Pavilion at Schworm Park
- **May 31, 2025 | Annual Membership Payments Due**
- **June 7, 2025 | Peninsula Garage Sale | 9 AM - 4:30 PM**
DLPSA Provides Record-Eagle Ads June 5 & 6
- **June 20, 2025 | Summer Solstice Meet & Greet | 8 PM**
Sunset Beach Park
- **July 4, 2025 | Peninsula Parade & Duck Lake Boat Parade**
- **July 19, 2025 | Annual DLPSA Picnic | 3 PM - 9 PM**
DLPSA Park - This is a community event open to all Peninsula residents & their guests. Thanks to Jeff Beaton, Tom Fabatz & Mike Toke
- **September 6, 2025 | Annual Meeting | 5 PM**
DLPSA Pavilion at Schworm Park
- **September 22, 2025 | End of Summer (Equinox) Meet & Greet 6 PM - 8 PM** Sunset Beach Park

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Duck Lake Peninsula Residents, your Board of Directors are pleased with the continued progress being made, on your behalf, to improve this wonderful community so many of us call home.

Please welcome Chris Blake as a new member to our Board. Chris's contact information is on Page 2. Chris will replace David Marsh as our Maintenance Chair. We'd also like to recognize the considerable efforts and numerous contributions David made for our Peninsula the past several years. Thank-you David Marsh!

One of our key responsibilities, as your Board, is to seek opportunities to meet frequently and get to know each other. We've introduced a number of new events this past couple of years. If you have any ideas on opportunities or events that allow us time to get together please don't hesitate to bring them forward to any of your Board Members or myself. Please refer to the Upcoming Events Calendar, on page 1 of this newsletter, or visit our website, www.DLPESA.net, for information on future opportunities to get together for the balance of this year and 2025.

One event that continues to grow in popularity is our Winterfest activity in February. Last year we added a Chili Cook-off to this event. Due to it's overwhelming success we'll plan to do this again in 2025. And, just recommended, we're going to add Mac & Cheese to the cook-off as well. So please get out those family-favorite Chili and Mac & Cheese recipes and prepare it for everyone to enjoy on Saturday, February 22, 2025.

We can all help to keep the Peninsula streets safe for our resident walkers and cyclists. The number one complaint we receive from our community members is people exceeding the 25 mile per hour speed limit. I realize we have a number of visitors, commercial vehicles and/or construction workers coming onto the Peninsula and we can only hope they obey the speed limits. However, everyone that lives here can certainly do their part by being careful not to exceed the speed limit, especially at sunrise & sunset. And, if your planning to have contractors working at your property for an extended

period of time please encourage them to be mindful of the speed limit on the Peninsula, as well as staying on the main roads and not using Ivan Drive, a private road, as any form of cut-through.

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, 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.

Thank you for your time in reviewing our Fall Newsletter. On behalf of myself and our Board Member team, 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.

DUCK LAKE PENINSULA MERCHANDISE WEBSITE

Your Board is actively working on a website to have Duck Lake Peninsula merchandise available for purchase by our community members. We were hopeful to have this site up and running by now. Unfortunately, the local company we were working with has determined that they can't handle the additional workload this would involve. Subsequently, we are now working with another company we're confident can deliver in this regard. Our goal is to now have this site up and running in the Spring of 2025.

YOUR BOARD MEMBERS



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RESIDENT DIRECTORY?

Please check out our website! www.DLPSA.net

VISIT YOUR WEBSITE DLPSA.NET

The website contains valuable information for our community members including, but not limited to, resident directories, the Events Calendar, Park locations, board meeting minutes, former Newsletters, etc. We've recently added contact numbers for essential individuals, as might be needed. If you have a contact number you'd like added here please bring it to our attention. Big thanks to Ken Chamberlain for his efforts and expertise in maintaining this website.

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS!

- **Robert & Wendy Schmitt**
7804 North Shore Court
- **Tina Qu Chang**
4133 Central Park Drive
- **Bill & Tammi Maxfield**
3910 White Birch Drive



IMPORTANT!

Posted speeds of 25 miles per hour need to be observed. Please report any speeders to the Grand Traverse County Sheriffs Department. Help keep our residents walking or biking on the Peninsula streets safe.



Bald Eagle on Duck Lake

FALL CLEAN-UP

The leaves and pine needles are falling. For all our new residents and others, there are a number of options available to you in this regard. You can contact independent landscape services to help with your needs. They can do a complete clean-up or simply pick-up your leaves, pine needles and small yard waste you collect and deposit near the street. Another option is taking your leaves or grass clippings (only) to the Green Lake Township Compost Facility, which is located on Youker Road just 2.7 miles from County Road 633. If you have questions on using this facility you can call (231) 276-9329. Previously you had to acquire a key from Green Lake Township to open the gate but lately the gate has been open. Your attention in this matter is greatly appreciated by all community members, especially your immediate neighbors. **PLEASE**, do not blow or deposit leaves or yard waste into the lake. It simply is not a good practice in preserving the high-quality of our waterway.

WANT TO RESERVE THE PARK PAVILION?

To reserve the Schworm Park Pavilion look at the “General Information” page on the www.DLPSA.net website for open dates. Contact Ken Chamberlain at (517) 881-5594 or email kenc@fnwusers.com.

NEED A FACILITIES 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

We will once again be sponsoring a Toys-for-Tots collection drive. We’ll be collecting new, unwrapped, toys on the following date and times at the Pavilion in Schworm Park.



Sunday, December 7, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

We’ve spoken with our resident expert, Terri Gauthier, who has indicated the need for infant, as well as teenage items. For the teenagers, make-up, cologne sets, nail care, etc., are a good idea. Of course, cash or gift cards would be helpful so that the United States Marine Corps Reserve volunteers can secure items most needed after the collections. A couple of items not needed are clothing or stuffed animals.

If you’re not available to drop-off your donations during the time above, you’re welcome to drop them off to Terri at 3995 White Birch Drive, Ken Schonhoff at 3956 Peninsular Shores Drive or anyone of your Board Members. Living or spending time on Duck Lake Peninsula certainly gives us plenty to be thankful for so we think this provides a good opportunity to do something nice for those less fortunate. If you’re out shopping those Black Friday deals don’t overlook the opportunity to make this Christmas a little more special for someone in need. If there are any questions, please contact one of your Board Members or visit ToysforTots.org.

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TRUNK-AND-TREAT

The 2024 Trunk-and-Treat event will be held Saturday, October 26, from 5-7 pm. We are doing this so our youngest community members can still participate in the traditional trick-or-treat activities on the actual Halloween holiday, Thursday, October 31. Please plan to be in Schworm Park no later than 4:45 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 convenient and safe way for our ghouls and goblins to experience the joys of Halloween and collect their treats. We will also have a nice bonfire going during this event. So please plan to meet everyone in the Park. And, if you also want to hand out candy on Halloween simply keep your porch light on or light-up your driveway. If there are any questions on this please reach out to Kathy Bickel or Ken Schonhoff.

HOLIDAY “LIGHTS-UP” CONTEST

We are pleased to advise we are going to hold our annual Peninsula “Lights-Up” Contest again this year. We will recognize first place on an Awards Plaque that will be placed in the Pavilion. This plaque will recognize the first-place winners the past couple of years, the 2024 winner and years moving forward. This is simply a means to encourage and reward our community members for lighting up for the holidays, as voted on by their neighbors. There will be ballots made available via e-mail and upon request. The ballot box for placing your votes will be at the entrance to the boat launch. Voting will begin after Saturday, December 7 and conclude on Saturday, December 14. Let’s plan to get together on Saturday, December 14, in Schworm Park, for a bonfire and celebration of the holiday season. There will be a hay ride around the Peninsula to review the holiday lights displays and to cast your votes. Let the friendly competition begin for the enjoyment of all others!



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."

DLP BEAUTIFICATION TEAM

We'd like to take this opportunity to recognize and express our appreciation for the volunteers of the Duck Lake Peninsula Beautification Team. Headed by Glenn Murray this team includes Susan Marsh, Cathy Pugh and Lisa & Jay Taylor. This team has spent time cleaning up Peninsular Shores Drive, from the narrows to East Duck Lake Road, along the Canal, the Park Pavilion, planting flowers in Schworm Park, etc. They will also be working on dressing up the area around our entrance sign, the Schworm Park kids area and other areas that need attention. Thanks to all involved!

JOINING THE GREEN LAKE & 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.



WINTER IS COMING: TIPS FOR STAYING SAFE ON THE ICE

What is Considered Thin Ice?

The Department of Energy and Environmental Affairs says ice should always be measured in multiple places before testing it with your weight. The following are the recommended thickness of ice for the specified activity:

- 2 inches thick or less should be avoided completely
- 4 inches or more is considered safe for ice fishing or other activities on foot
- 5 inches is recommended for snowmobiles or ATVs
- 8 to 12 inches is necessary for a small car
- 12 to 15 inches of ice is necessary for trucks

General Ice and Cold Water Safety

- Never go onto the ice alone. A friend may be able to rescue you or go for help if you fall through the ice.
- Always keep your pets on a leash. If a pet falls through the ice do not attempt a rescue. Call 911 instead.
- New ice is usually stronger than old ice. As the ice ages, the bond between the crystals decay, making it weaker, even if melting has not occurred.
- Beware of ice covered with snow. Snow can insulate ice and keep it strong, but can also insulate it to keep it from freezing.
- Slush is a danger sign, indicating that ice is no longer freezing from the bottom and can be weak or deteriorating.
- Ice formed over flowing water (rivers or lakes containing a large number of springs) is generally 15% weaker.
- Ice seldom freezes or thaws at a uniform rate. It can be one foot thick in one spot but only one inch thick just 10 feet away.

What To Do If Someone Falls Through Ice

- Reach-Throw-Go: If someone falls through the ice and you are unable to reach that person from shore, throw them something (rope, jumper cables, tree branch, etc.) If this does not work, go for help before you also become a victim. CALL 911 and get medical assistance for the victim immediately.
- If you fall in, try not to panic. Turn toward the direction from which you came. Place your hands and arms on the unbroken surface, working forward by kicking your feet. Once out, remain lying on the ice (do not stand) and roll away from the hole. Crawl back to your tracks, keeping your weight distributed until you return to solid ice.

2024 FOURTH OF JULY PHOTOS



OBITUARIES



CARL PEARCE,

Age 80, of Duck Lake, MI was called to his Heavenly Home on Wednesday, August 28, 2024. Growing up in a Coast Guard family, Carl served as a Captain in the US Coast Guard. He also worked for the Grand Traverse County Sheriff Department for many years. He lived a good life and loved nothing more than his wife, son, and daughter-in-law. He was a member of Central United Methodist Church. Carl is survived by his wife of 52 years, Beth; son: Michael (Bethanne) Pearce; brother, David (Lupe) Pearce; brother-in-law: Bill (Judy) Bentley; and his beloved dog and loyal companion, Bandit.

BARBARA KAY ROACH,

Lovingly known as “Barb,” passed away on September 7, 2024, in Traverse City, Michigan, at the age of 92. She was born on January 10, 1932, to Ivan and Irene (Mukri) Wheeland in Detroit, Michigan. Barb married the love of her life, Edward Lawrence Roach, on April 19, 1952, in Detroit. Together, they shared 67 wonderful years of marriage, raising a family and building a life full of love and dedication. Barb is survived by her children: Lawrence (Sandra) Roach of Southgate, Suzanne Morrison of Traverse City, Thomas (Kittie) Roach of Ypsilanti, and Karen (Dillard) McBride of Manton. She was also the proud grandmother of John Scott Morrison, Sarah Sladek, Mary Roach, Kristina Wears, Meggie Roach, Ysabel McBride, Telsa McBride, and Phoebe McBride, and the great-grandmother to seven great-grandchildren. Barb was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Edward, her son, Kevin (Beth), and her daughter, Mary Beth (Charles Gray) Roach. She was also predeceased by her parents and siblings.



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.

