



NEWSLETTER

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JANUARY PRESIDENT'S LETTER

2012 was a good year for Onekama and the PLA. Tourism was up, and local businesses enjoyed higher summer traffic than they have seen in the past few years. A few new stores opened for business, and a couple of establishments opened under new management. The PLA has taken an active role in promoting local business and we will continue to do so in 2013. Attendance at the Monday Night Concerts in the Park was its highest ever, and two new events (Pig Out for Scholarships and Onekama Originals) were very successful. The school mentoring program continues with strong support from PLA and community members. All of our events made improvements over the past year and we plan more improvements in 2013. We were also able to make substantial contributions to the purchase of wetlands around the lake and matching funds for park improvements.

Our web site (www.onekama.info) and our two Facebook pages – *1, Onekama Michigan* and *Portage Lake Association, Onekama, MI* have seen significant increases in traffic in 2012. We have made a concerted effort to publish more information on events, local business and interest items from Onekama and the region. You can stay in touch with what is happening in the Onekama area by visiting the Facebook pages and “liking” them. We have added a fishing report page and a regional events page to the website; additionally there are website links to Ludington, Cadillac, Manistee, Frankfort, Interlochen, Traverse City and Leelanau County businesses/events. This is in addition to the Onekama area events page. Whether you live locally or make an annual visit, you can stay informed on what is happening in the area.

We are already working on PLA plans for next year. We have a great concert lineup with more new faces, a couple of returning favorites, and diverse musical offerings. Concert dates have been set and contracts are being finalized. Most of our major events have dates established, and we are working hard to get the calendar finalized for 2013. We are reviewing input from our member survey and using that feedback to make improvements in the events that we have, as well as incorporating some new ideas. There will be some changes in 2013 and your officers, board members and committee heads met on December 19 to discuss our direction.

On behalf of the Officers, Board of Directors and Committee heads, we look forward to serving you in 2013 and continuing to build the positive image of the Portage Lake Association and the Onekama area.

Happy New Year!
Al Taylor, President



NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE

Submitted by: Alice Hendricks

2012 was an interesting year with national and local elections, as well as a lot of activity in Onekama with commissions, committees and numerous organizations working towards making our community better for today, and the future. Here is a list of some groups that rarely or never get enough thanks for the work they do:

- Boy Scouts,*
 - Cemetery Committee,*
 - Girl Scouts,*
 - Onekama Guild,*
 - Harbor Commission,*
 - Joint Planning Commission,*
 - Jr. Clio,*
 - Lions,*
 - Onekama Consolidated Schools,*
 - Onekama Garden Club,*
 - Onekama Community Parks and Recreation,*
 - PLA,*
 - Watershed Forever,*
 - Volunteers at large,*
 - and all of our community churches...*
- THANK YOU for all that you do!*

The **local election** resulted in a new Village President and three new Village Trustees. The current elected officials of the village are:

- President:** Rod Hudson
- Trustees:** Roger Burger,
Ralph Drumm – Street Administrator,
Rick Gulch,
Alice Hendricks,
Rudi Milasich – President Pro-Tem
and Wayne Miller.
- Village Clerk:** Ruth Hudson.
- Village Treasurer:** Nikki Jach

Just a reminder ... Township taxes are due by 5 p.m. February 14, 2013. Take a look at the bottom of your tax bill where it says "NOTE →"

Enjoy the winter!!



VILLAGE INFORMATION

5283 Main Street, PO Box 477, Onekama, Mi., 49675
889-3171

OFFICE HOURS - M, T, W - 9-2

VILLAGE COUNCIL

MEETS 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

2013 meeting dates: Jan. 16, Feb. 20, March 20, April 17, May 15, June 19, July 17, Aug. 21, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20 and Dec. 18.

Meetings are subject to change with notice.

New PLA Board of Directors 2013

President: Al Taylor
Secretary: Faye Backie
Treasurer: Evie McNeil
Other board members:

Leann Burger, Frank English, Paul Mueller, Mary Lynn Burchard, Sheila Heiser, Bruce Peabody

Board meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 pm in the Farr Center. Exception: January's meeting will be held on Wed. Jan 9 due to the holiday.

The public is invited to attend all PLA board meetings.

From the Editor:



If you wish to submit an article for this newsletter or have ideas for information to provide area readers, send an email to: planewsed@gmail.com

The newsletter is published quarterly in the months of:
January, April, July and October

If you are interested in assuming the editor's volunteer position, send an email to the editor at: planewsed@gmail.com

- *Certified Service Technicians
- *Boat Sales – New /Pre-owned
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- *Canvas replacement and repair
- *Cleaning, Polishing and detailing
- *Electronic and Fishing equipment sales and installs
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ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

Submitted by: Mary Lou Millard

Supervisor—David Meister / Clerk—Helen Mathieu • E-Mail: clerk@onekama.twp.org
Treasurer—LaVonne Beebe • E-Mail: treasurer@onekamatwp.org
Trustee—Robert Blackmore / Trustee—James (Nipper) Wisniski

Notes from the Treasurer:

The Automatic Clearing House (ACH) for paying tax bills (which began in 2011) is drawing a continued positive response. If you are interested, here are the requirements: we will need- your name, property number, routing number of your bank, the account you wish to have the payment deducted from, and whether it is a checking or savings account.

The treasurer's office will deduct the payment in August of 2013 for the summer tax bill and the first week in February 2014 for the winter tax bill. Contact the treasurer for assistance in setting up this payment plan (see her contact info above).

Acceptance of partial payments for summer taxes, to help avoid interest and penalties, is also in effect. Payments can be made with a check, money order or exact cash. Payments can be made in July and August with the final payment before September 14 for summer taxes. This is also available for winter taxes. Payments can be made in December and January, with the final payment made before February 14. Penalties will be applied after Sept. 14 and Feb. 14. Some general information: Summer taxes are due July 1, with penalty added on the 15th of September. Winter taxes are due Dec. 1, with the penalty added Feb.14.

If you are paying taxes for more than one parcel, one check for all those parcels is acceptable—be sure that the total on the check is the correct amount to cover all the parcels. And, one envelop is acceptable to send in more than one parcel.

The only time separate checks are needed is if one is a payment for summer taxes, (if paying late, call treasurer for penalty information) and the other is a payment for winter taxes.

Note: **Post marks are not accepted for determining deadline compliance.**

Other Township News:

Recycling: Area recyclers are continuing to help keep the environment clean and green! The recycling service at the township hall parking lot is in constant use. Just a few reminders:

1) when the truck doors are closed, the truck is full...so, take your paper/cardboard home and bring it back when the doors are open.

2) recycling also includes (in the large bin at the west end of the parking lot): clean plastic bottles No. 1-6, glass, aluminum cans, plastic bags - clear plastic bags can now go in the green bin...but dark plastic bags cannot be accepted. Bins are marked for their contents!

These container bins and the PCA truck are for materials that are **RECYCLED** only—they are not for **HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE OR TRASH OR ANY FORM OF STYROFOAM**. If there is no available space in the bins or truck, please do not leave recyclable materials. Please do not leave larger, non- recyclable materials like lawn chairs or fish tanks. They cannot be recycled in our program.

Community Planning Commission: The Community Planning Commission meets the third Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Township Hall. The planning commission will not meet during January, February or March. The next meeting will be April 18, 2013.

The new proposed zoning ordinance amendment is being reviewed by the commission and township board.

Village and Township Community Parks and Recreation Committee: The Parks and Recreation Committee held a dedication ceremony at Glen Park on August 5 for the installation of the State Historical marker. The park is now on the Michigan Register of Historic sites. The township board approved the placement of donated pavers around the marker.

The committee, which now includes the Explore the Shores Subcommittee, will again plant trees and a variety of shrubs or bushes on Arbor Day, 2013 in North Point Park. The park now has "No Hunting" signs placed around its perimeter at the boundary line. New members on the committee are Leann Burger, Ken Franklin and Evie McNeil.

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Calendar of PLA Events 2013

Mark these important dates on your calendar now so you don't miss any of the fun here in Onekama!

Winterfest - Feb. 16

Shakedown Fishing Tournament - May 24-26

Fundraiser - June 22

Onekama Days - August 1-5

Fall Festival - October 12

Christmas in Onekama - November 23

PLA Receives a Major Donation from Local Artist

Evelyn Sorenson has donated one of her unique yarn tapestries to the PLA for its 2013 fundraiser. She has a long history of making these beautiful tapestries and was featured on an episode of Carol Duvall's show where she demonstrated how she creates her pieces. Her work is also cataloged on the NY Metropolitan Museum of Art's website.

Never before now has Mrs. Sorenson sold or donated one of her pieces. The PLA is very fortunate to be the benefactor of her donation. More information will be forthcoming on how the item will be auctioned to garner the best price for PLA's continued work for our community.

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Fire Department: The fire department, in conjunction with the Bear Lake Fire Department, received a \$19,000 Revenue Sharing Grant for fire/emergency safety equipment.

Roads: Road projects under consideration include Erdman Road, Farr Road and Crescent Beach Road. The board agreed to talk with the village council about splitting the cost of a project to pave Mill Street, Dock Street and Zosel Street, south of M-22.

Assessor/Board of Review: Assessor Ginny Martz announced the Board of Review meetings for 2013 are: March 5, organizational meeting
March 11 and March 13, regular board meetings.

Township Board Meetings: meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at 9 a.m. in the Township Hall.

Zoning Board of Appeals: hearings are scheduled as needed.

Township Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Zoning Administrator- Monday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Supervisor, by appointment only
The office is closed on all holidays.

Address:

5435 Main St., P.O. 458, Onekama, MI 49675

Phone: 231-889-3308

Leave message on office answering machine if you need assistance after hours.

FAX: 231-889-5587

Petunia Parade News

We have new directors of the petunia parade - Marilyn Acker and Jon Phillips will be co-leaders of the spring event that brings such beauty to Main Street. Many volunteers will be called upon for the bed prep, planting, and weeding. We are hopeful that the village and township will assist with watering duties this summer as that is the most difficult task for our volunteer crew to continue.

Look for the donation envelope in your April PLA newsletter and give generously!

Crystal Vacation Rentals



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Lookout Shoppe- upscale resale

4946 Main St.
889-7222
Fri-Sat- Mon 10 am - 5 pm

Northern Design and Sign

4850 Main St.
889-5844
Mon- Fri noon-4pm
or by appt.

Onkama Building Supply

4847 Main St.
889-3456
M-F 7:30 am - 5 pm
Sat. 8-noon

Sundance Interiors/Callaway Construction

By appointment only-
call Doug at 231-510-0980

Shay's Chop House

889-3121
Tues- Sat. 4 pm-10 pm
Sun. 3 pm-8 pm

Saco's IGA

5357 Main St.
889-0003
Mon - Sat. 9 am - 8 pm
Sun. 9am - 7 pm

*Closed until April:
Glenwood
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889-3395
Sun. 12-10pm
Mon-Thurs. 11 am - 10 pm
Fri. and Sat. 11 am -

Spirit Gas Station

5028 Main St
889-3561
Sun-Thurs 6 am - 9 pm
Fri and Sat 6 am - 10 pm

EZ Mart

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889-4514
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bagels, coffee
7 days a week
6 am - 11 pm

'CHRISTMAS IN ONEKAMA' REPORT...

Submitted by: Jewelee Franklin

Once again, Christmas in Onekama was a great success, bringing lots of people to take part in the Craft Show, Chili Cook-off, Bake Sales, live decorated tree auction and finally, the Celebration of Lights tree lighting. Sponsored by the PLA, the craft show had 40 booths of beautifully crafted items so folks could begin their Christmas shopping.

The Chili Cook-Off, sponsored by the Boy Scouts, had 13 entries, all with uniquely different flavors of delicious chili to sample. Dessert could be purchased at the bake sales held by our local churches and Jr. Clio.

The first decorated live tree auction brought lots of activity. The potted trees were all one size but decorated by different groups, businesses or individuals - resulting in many different styles of trees. All were purchased because there was really something for everyone.

At the Farr Center after dark, The Celebration of Lights was held. Beth McCarthy read the names of individuals that family and friends wanted honored. At that time, the beautiful spruce tree and the lights of the village were lit. Inside the Farr Center, The Church of the Brethren choir led those gathered in Christmas carols and then refreshments were served.

The day was one where the community could come together and have a special time to begin the Christmas Season.

Happy New Year to all!



Onekama Consolidated Schools Continuing Education Classes

Submitted by: Leann Burger

Eight Week Classes

start Monday, January 14 and end Saturday, March 9

Call Mary Bergren at 889-4251 to sign up

Winter
2013

Indoor Cycling Plus

This cardio workout is intense but fun. In addition to cycling, this class includes up to 15 minutes of core and balance exercise. Cycling portion is conducted on indoor upright stationary bicycles to high energy music. Focus on interval training and techniques used in an outdoor ride. Beginners and experienced cyclists welcome. Class is instructor led but self-paced. 16 sessions

*Monday and Wednesday with Kim 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Activity Room \$50

*Tuesday and Thursday with Leann 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Activity Room \$50

Indoor Video Cycling

Like indoor cycling but with a video component which simulates traveling over terrain. Destinations include tropical islands, national parks and other scenic areas. 8 sessions.

*Saturday with Kim and Leann 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. in the Activity Room \$25

Power 60

Take your Boot Camp experience to the next level. Sixty minutes of indoor cycling, running, and core strength training in interval format to heart pumping music. This hybrid class provides the best of everything in the most fun and fastest 60 minutes of your day. No boredom allowed in this session. You'll be changing it up every three to four minutes. 16 sessions.

*Monday and Wednesday with Leann 6:00 to 7:00 a.m. in the Activity Room \$50

Core Value

A strong core (back and abs) is your most important asset. This class incorporates core strength training, balance practice (can't have balance without core), agility and light cardio for an overall effective, yet not so strenuous, workout. 16 sessions.

*Monday and Wednesday with Leann 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. in the Activity Room \$50

New Years Resolution

You made that fitness resolution on January 1, now it's time to do something about it. Participants will learn the importance of warm up and cool down; brief periods of cardio will be combined with upper, lower and core body strength training. At the end of eight weeks, you'll have your own workout you can use to keep that resolution for life. 16 sessions.

*Tuesday and Thursday with Leann 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. in the Fitness Room \$50

Personal Fitness Training

Need a fitness plan that is more individualized? Fitness trainers work with clients to assess overall health and fitness levels and then help clients begin an exercise plan specific to individual needs. The \$100 package includes a two-hour fitness assessment and orientation, and two 1-hour sessions that introduce clients to their individualized programs. Contact Mary Bergren at 889-4251 to set an appointment.



Onekama Consolidated Schools Continuing Education Classes

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Workshops

Call Mary Bergren at 889-4251 to sign up

Pickle Ball 2 hours

It's the hottest new sport, and it's gaining players by leaps and bounds. Learn how to play the indoor fusion of tennis, ping-pong and badminton. It's fun for all ages, and you can play year round. Workshop will be held at Pleasant Valley Community Center (former Arcadia Elementary School). Minimum of 10 participants required.



Saturday, January 19, 10 a.m. to noon. Weather cancellation date is Saturday, January 26. \$6 per person. No equipment necessary.

Wall Climbing 2 hours

Take your fitness to new heights. Learn the basics of indoor wall climbing. Instruction includes warm up, equipment and safety instruction, rope skills

and basic tie-in knot, traverse skills and top rope climbing. \$6 per person. No equipment necessary. Minimum of 7 participants.

Saturday, February 2, 3 to 5 p.m. in the elementary gym. Weather cancellation date is Saturday, February 9

Beginning Quilting

In 4 sessions you learn the basics you need for completing a wall hanging or crib quilt. The workshops include fabric choice, cutting your pieces, basic machine piecing, machine and hand quilting. Supply list will be furnished prior to the workshop. Call Mary Bergren at 889-4251 for dates and times.



Apologies!

If your October quarterly newsletter from the PLA was delayed, it was due to several containers of the news being lost on the way to the Traverse City USPS sorting facility.

Our printer, Pioneer Press Printing, arranged to have the newsletter reprinted (at no cost to PLA) and hand delivered them to the Onekama post office to ensure that they were properly mailed to you.

Pioneer Press will continue to hand carry the newsletter to our Onekama Post Office going forward to prevent further mishaps. We are very fortunate to have such a good relationship with our printing service and value their incredible customer service.

Post Office Update

Our Onekama post office will likely experience some shortened hours of operation in 2013. Watch for notices on the door of the post office on Mill Street.

To ensure that we keep our local mail center open, use the counter services at the Onekama Post office for purchasing your stamps, for mailing packages, renting post office boxes, and use of other postal services. Volume of window service and number of rented post office boxes are major factors that the regional office uses to determine which offices to keep open.

***If you care about our local postal service,
use it or lose it!!***

Monday Night Concerts in the Park

Mark your calendars now for great music experiences in our very own village park! Bring friends, family, picnic dinner and chairs/blankets for free outdoor music performances at our beautiful setting on Portage Lake!

All concerts start at 7 pm and end around 9 pm.

A wide variety of musical genres are represented, so even if you think you will not like a musical style come and try it on! You may even like it and want to hear more!

July 1- Jim Hawley

July 8- Madcap Midnight Blues

July 15- True Falsettos

July 22- Cherry Blossom Gospel group

July 29- Mary Sue Wilkinson

August 5- The Nephews and Friends

August 12- An Dro

August 19- Waterline



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