



NEWSLETTER

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PLA President's Letter

Summer is finally making its way to Onekama. The local vegetable season started with a bumper crop of asparagus. There was some frost damage to the cherry and apple crops, but the expectations are that we will see good harvests. Strawberries are now available. The snowbirds have all returned, and we are starting to see the summer visitors. The lake levels are near the same levels as last year, thanks to snow melt and the spring rains; and money has been secured for channel dredging and for improving the Village Park launch.

The seasonal stores have opened, and there are three new businesses. The new M-22 Grill serves breakfast and lunch. The Onekama Shirt Shop can provide you with custom designed apparel. Pappa J's Ice Cream and Eatery will offer soft serve and hand dipped ice cream, shakes, gourmet hot dogs, hamburgers and finger food. Lakeside Treats has returned for a second year of operation, and Shirley's Place, Saco's Market and Shay's Chop House have all made improvements inside and out. The Glenwood has opened for the season and some new weekly specials are planned. Their store in Manistee has opened for the season and they have two new stores- in Pentwater and Frankfort. The Lookout Shoppe, Appearances, Linebacks and MacBeth's have some new offerings for your gift shopping needs. Overall, it is exciting to see new businesses open and the improvements to existing businesses that increase the dining and shopping opportunities in Onekama. The PLA has been active in promoting our local and regional businesses through the website and the Facebook pages. Over 100 businesses support the PLA, through joining our website to donating goods/services for our fundraiser. We hope you will 'shop local' and support them!

The petunias are planted and looking good. The 17th Annual PLA Fundraiser was held on June 22 - look for a report on the website soon. There is a great line up for the Monday Night Concerts- see more inside this issue.

As part of the fundraiser, we are offering a PLA Shoreline Savings Coupon Book with over \$1500 in savings. Whether you live in the area or are just visiting or vacationing, there are savings to be had. Golf coupons to regional courses total over \$300 and local shopping and dining coupons total almost \$100. Books can be purchased for \$10 each from the PLA by calling Barb at 231-889-4281 ext 2. The National Honor Society, the Student Council and the Boy Scouts will be selling the books this summer and some of the sales will also go to their organizations.

The Portage Lake Association is helping the Onekama Lions with Onekama Days. Pig Out for Scholarships will be held on August 2nd which is the first full day of Onekama Days. There will be a specialty beer tasting prior to the pig roast; proceeds from both going to the PLA scholarship fund. Later that night, the fireworks will put on a show over Portage Lake, which is another PLA/Onekama Lions event. We are cosponsoring a fife and drum band for the parade on August 4th on Main Street. See the complete Onekama Days schedule inside this newsletter.

The PLA supported an improvement project at Languard Park (aka the Turnaround or the Point) and will hear in October if funding will be granted. The project includes improved parking, universal access, rest rooms and sand shower.

Don't forget to check out what is happening with the local fishing, as well as events that are happening locally and regionally by going to www.onekama.info and selecting the fishing reports, local events or regional events tabs. The fishing reports come from the Michigan DNR and the Manistee County Sports Fishing Association. The Regional Events tab will take you from Ludington to Cadillac and up to Traverse City and most places in between.

Last but not least, we are looking for folks that are interested in serving on the Portage Lake Association Board of Directors. Nominations are now being accepted and a slate of officers and Board members will be presented to the PLA members this fall for election. If interested, please send your information to me at windsongmi@aol.com.

Have a great summer and enjoy all this region has to offer. Hope to see you at most, or all, of our events!

Al Taylor

Be sure to visit the website: www.onekama.info for: the latest fishing reports, dredging plans for Portage Lake Channel, events in the area, restaurants, businesses and services, school info, weather, village and township news, watershed info and the latest on Onekama Days (Aug. 1-5).

What is the Portage Lake Association?

What began in 1989 as the Onekama Business Association has become more widely focused in the years since then. One of the first projects of the community association was the planting of wooden barrels with petunias. Soon after, the streets were lined with the petunias and the tradition of the petunia parade began.

After 24 years, the Portage Lake Association is still actively working to improve our community. Many volunteer hours go into putting on the events and activities you see around you throughout the year.

Annual events include



- Petunia Parade,*
- Fireworks at Onekama Days,*
- Pig out for Scholarships,*
- Fall Festival,*
- Christmas in Onekama,*
- Concerts in the Park (every Monday in July and August),*
- the website [Onekama.info](http://www.onekama.info),*
- fishing tournaments co-sponsored by PLA,*
- school classroom volunteers,*
- Citizen of the Year,*



Two Lake Town banners and Christmas decorations on Main Street, and various parks projects.

More help is needed in the form of volunteer time and/or money to keep up the work of making our community a special place to live, work, and play. Contact President Al Taylor at 889-0205 or any board member if you want to get more involved.

Current Board of the Portage Lake Association

- Al Taylor, Pres.
- Evie McNeil- Treasurer
- Faye Backie- Secretary
- Margaret Panches- past president
- Frank English
- Paul Mueller
- Leann Burger
- Mary Lynn Burchard
- Sheila Heiser
- Bruce Peabody

PLA Board meetings are usually held on the first Wed. of the month at 7pm at the Farr Center.

(The July meeting will be moved to July 10 due to the holiday). All are invited.

Come to the
PANCAKE BREAKFAST
on Sunday, July 14 from 8
am-12:30 pm at the Fairgrounds
to raise money for the Onekama
Days Fireworks. Contribute to this
amazing fireworks show (to be held
on Friday August 2nd this year)
over Portage Lake. Help continue
this great tradition in Onekama!!

Portage Lake Association APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name _____

Summer Address _____

Summer Phone _____

Winter Address _____

Winter Phone _____

Email Address _____

I am a New Member _____ *I am a Renewing Member* _____

*Make checks payable to: Portage Lake Association • \$30 for one year family membership
Mail Payments to: Portage Lake Association, P.O. Box 493, Onekama, MI 49675*

FROM THE VILLAGE

Great news...two grants were recently received by the Village to improve access to the beach area in the Village park and improve conditions at the boat launch.

The first received was a \$105,300 grant from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund; this funding was approved by the State Legislature. A match of \$52,600 has been pledged which includes \$20,000 from the Village, \$20,000 in cash donations and \$12,500 in donated labor and materials. This grant was made possible by the combined efforts of the Explore the Shores Subcommittee of the Onekama Village and Township Community Parks and Recreation Committee, the Onekama Village Council and the Alliance for Economic Success. Becket and Raeder will be the design firm for the first phase of the park project will make the beach area universally accessible by installation of Peron steps, a barrier-free ramp and/or Mobi Mats to the beach. This phase also includes beach nourishment and signage to promote/encourage watershed awareness. The current plan is to start work this fall and have the improved village beach ready for the summer of 2014.

The second grant, submitted by the village, was received on June 10 from the Manistee City Local Revenue Sharing Board in the amount of \$5,203. These funds will help pay for the extension of the village park boat launch and replace damaged concrete planks. The approximate cost of the work and materials for this project is expected to be \$12,000 and work should start shortly, making the boat launch will be available for use this summer.

We thank all those who worked towards making the receipt of these grants a reality! Just in time for all the events that are scheduled throughout the summer months -the water well at the Farr Center has been replaced and is in good working order!!

Welcome to the M-22 Grill which opened the week of June 13. Owners, Michelle and John Blackman will be open from 6 am to 2 pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and from 7 am to 3 pm on Saturday and Sunday. Stop by often!

Speed limits and STOP signs..... With the return of good weather, summer residents and visitors there is a huge increase in the traffic on village and township streets and roads. Please adhere to speed limits and obey STOP signs. 30 miles per hour on M- 22 in the village is not a suggestion. Similarly STOP signs do not mean to slow down and then continue through the intersection. Also the law is applicable for bicyclists as well. With your cooperation we will avoid unnecessary harm due to avoidable accidents. Enjoy Onekama this Summer and be SAFE!

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

Clerk – Ruth Hudson

Treasurer Nikki Jach – Office Hours - M, T, W - 9-2

Zoning Administrator - Robert Hall Wed. 9-2

Important information for gardeners....Are the birds, butterflies and bees as numerous in your garden as they were in previous years? The problem could be invasive plant. Invasive plants are harmful to our natural habitat...they crowd out those plants that are native to our area and attract those birds, butterflies and bees to our gardens. Many plants we have been planting in our gardens over the years are invasive.

Below is a list of some plants to avoid planting.

Honeysuckle,
Japanese barberry,
buckthorn,
callery pear lyme grass,
ribbon grass,
oriental bittersweet,
Japanese honeysuckle,
periwinkle/myrtle,
snow on the mountain,
lily of the valley,
moneywort,
wintercreeper,
sweet woodruff,
water hyacinth,
water lettuce
and parrot feather.



Some of the "Good to Grow" plants are:

pearly everlasting,
foxglove
beardtongue,
Jacob's ladder,
bush honeysuckle,
ninebark,
nannyberry,
northern spice bush,
Allegheny serviceberry,
chokecherry,
little bluestem,
switchgrass,
prairie dropseed,
trumpet vine,
trumpet and red honeysuckle,
bearberry,
wintergreen,

Christmas fern,
bluebead lily,
sheep laurel,
creeping snowberry,
bunchberry dogwood,
pickerelweed,
water smartweed and
bottle brush sedge.



(Information from "Plan Before You Plant" - Native Alternatives to Invasive Ornamentals" from the Grand Traverse Conservation District.)



Monday Night Concerts in the Park 2013 Lineup- all start at 7pm

We have added the internet address of most of the groups so that you may sample their music before the concert.

July 1 Jim Hawley <http://www.reverbNation.com/jimhawley>

Jim's musical style is very much his own, but it is reminiscent of his influences, which include Gordon Lightfoot, James Taylor, and Dan Fogelberg. His genres include rock music from the 60's through today, Americana, country, and folk. He writes and performs his own original music as well. He plays guitar, piano, harmonica, and has an unforgettable voice.

July 8 Madcat Midnight Blues Journey <https://www.facebook.com/madcatmidnightbluesjourney?ref=hl> Their sound is more Chicago style blues, though they do lots of different styles of blues and jazz music. Onekama resident, Mark Schrock, leads this group which features Peter 'Madcat' Ruth on harmonica.

July 15 True Falsettos www.truefalsettos.com/listen/html Embracing the hot jazz & swing styles of the 30's and 40's, the True Falsettos play some of the liveliest, most danceable music around. In addition to original compositions, this duo brings a fresh take to the songs of the Nat King Cole Trio, Bob Wills and his Texas Playboys, Fats Waller, Jimmie Lunceford, & Louis Jordan.

July 22 Cherry Blossom Ramblers www.upnorthmusic.com

Doc and Donna Probes bring more than 30 years of performing experience to the stage; along with their daughter, Kelly, they breathe warmth and energy into songs that reach deep into the emotional core. A heart warming show that includes Gospel favorites along with a fresh touch of original compositions using a unique variety of folk instruments and lush vocal harmonies.

July 29 Drive South <http://www.reverbNation.com/drivesouthmusic>

Drive South brings together two seasoned musicians, Mary Sue Wilkinson and Roger Brown (also known most recently as the core of country band Sister Wilene). Vocal duets feature tight harmony singing as they play American roots music.

August 5 The Nephews

There is a great tradition of brother duets in American country music. Tim and Byron Joseph have been carrying on that tradition for fifty three years. Byron and Tim are not actually brothers-they are double first cousins (their mothers were sisters and their fathers were brothers) who grew up on neighboring farms near Onekama. Since their first public performance at age ten, they have entertained at countless community events and festivals as a duo, and as part of the Dekalb String Band. They accompany their singing with guitars, banjo and mandolin. Their songs have two things in common- they are always interesting and they always have soul.

August 12 AnDro <http://www.andromusic.com> Or <http://www.reverbNation.com/andromusic?kick=660659>

An Dro is a union of four seasoned instrumentalists whose music is a blend of traditional and original melodies from across the globe. You'll hear traditional Irish melodies, medieval French songs, Breton dance tunes, Scandinavian refrains, Appalachian influences, Arabic rhythms, and African grooves all performed with joy and freshness. This is dance music but it's also listening music. The band takes their name An Dro from a folk dance of Brittany where the dancers link fingers as they move in a spiral line dance. An Dro translates literally as "The Turn" and is an apt description of music that is alive and ever changing.

August 19 Waterline www.waterlineband.com Five seasoned musicians blend genre lines between rock, folk rock, progressive rock and pop music in their delivery. Waterline now includes "covers" of your favorite artists in their mix- songs from Daryl Hall, Moody Blues, Matchbox 20, Pure Prairie League, Todd Rundgren, Zac Brown Band.

Northwest Michigan Landscapes and other recent paintings by

DAVID WESTERFIELD

Artist Reception: July 3, 2013, 4-7 pm

MACBETH & Co.

8011 FIRST STREET, ONEKAMA, MICHIGAN



Manistee Shoreline Showcase

*7-9 pm Tuesday night concerts
at 1st St. Beach*

July 2- Kathy Lamar

July 9- Benny Reeves with Paul Carey's Soul Sensations

July 16- Madcat's Midnight Blues Journey

July 23- Paul Keller Quartet with Sarah D'Angelo

July 30- The Planet D Nonet

Aug 6- Russ Phillips and Jeannie Lambert with the Steve Sandner Band

Aug 13- Bill Heid Trio with Perry Hughes

Aug 20- Mary Rademacher with The Mark Kahny Band

ONEKAMA DAYS 2013

**All Events Take Place at Fairgrounds Unless Noted
M-22 in Onekama**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

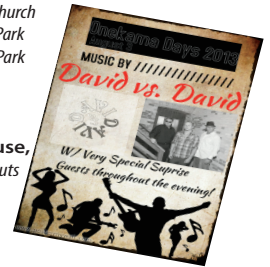
6pm - 10pm BINGO

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

Noon - Closing **FOOD, BEER and POP**
 2 - 7 pm **ARTS and CRAFTS**
 3 - 5 pm **BEER TASTING** Presented by Portage Lake Association (PLA)
 3 - 5 pm **CUTE PET PICS and PHOTOGRAPHY TRICKS \$5**
 5 - 7 pm **PIG OUT FOR SCHOLARSHIP PIG ROAST.** Presented by PLA
 6 - 8 pm **PORTAGE LAKE WATERSHED FOREVER BOOTH**
 8 - 11 pm **TEEN DANCE**
\$3.00 Admission
DUSK PORTAGE LAKE FIREWORKS
Sponsored by Portage Lake Association and Onekama Lions Club

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

7:30 am **5K & 1K RACE DAY REGISTRATION. Village Park 8:45 am - 1 Mile Run Run**
 9 am **5K RUN & WALK.** Pre-register at 231-690-2147 Proceeds benefit Onekama Athletic Boosters
 7 am - Noon **FRESH HOT DOUGHNUTS and COFFEE** at Village Park. Presented by Trinity Lutheran Church
 8 - 10 am **PORTAGE LAKE WATERSHED DISPLAY** at Village Park
 8 - 11 am **BREAKFAST - ALL YOU CAN EAT** Presented by Onekama Lions
 8 - 11 am **CHILDREN'S VISION SCREENING**
 8 am - 2 pm **COMMUNITY YARD SALE** Community Wide
 8:30 am **WARREN VAUGHN DOUBLES TENNIS TOURNAMENT** Onekama School Tennis Courts
 9 am - 1 pm **ST. JOSEPH'S YOUTH GROUP BAKE SALE** St. Joseph Church
 9 am - 2 pm **TRINKETS and TREASURES SALE** next to Library/Farr Center. Portage Lake Garden Club
 10 am - Noon **CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH BAKE SALE** at the Church
 10 am - 2 pm **FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE** at the Township Hall
 9 am - 3 pm **CLASSIC CAR SHOW** Village Park
 9 am - 1 pm **TRINITY LUTHERAN BAKE SALE & FARM PRODUCTS** at the Church
 10 am - 7 pm **ARTS and CRAFTS**
 11 am - 1 pm **TRINITY LUTHERAN SALAD BAR LUNCHEON** at the Church
 11:30 - 2:30pm **NORTH POINT PARK APPRECIATION DAY** North Point Park
 (1-2 pm **GRASSES PHOTO WALK**) North Point Park
 Noon-Closing **FOOD, BEER and POP**
 1 - 3 pm **JR. CLIO CLUB DISPLAY**
 2 - 4 pm **LIVE MUSIC**
KIDS GAMES and ACTIVITIES including Bouncy House, Face Painting & Balloon Man Presented by Onekama Boy Scouts
GRILLED STEAK DINNER \$12
 Noon - 1 am **BEER TENT**
 9 pm - 1 am **DANCE** featuring **DAVID VS. DAVID**
Barry Seymour Jr's Band with very special guests



SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

8 - 11 am **BREAKFAST. All You Can Eat**
 8 - 11 AM **CHILDREN'S VISION SCREENING**
 10 am - 5 pm **ARTS and CRAFTS**
 11 am **PICKLEBALL DOUBLES TOURNAMENT.** School Basketball Court. Register by 10am day of the event with Ken at 231-889-4048
 Noon **TITTIBAWASSEE FIFE & DRUM CONCERT.** Across from Spirit Gas Station
 1:30 - 4 pm **KIDS GAMES** including Bouncy House
 1 pm **GRAND PARADE** from Village Park to Dyke Street
 Noon-Closing **FOOD, BEER and POP**
 2 - 3:30 pm **ERIC ERICKSON IN CONCERT as ELVIS LIVE**
 3:30 pm **LIONS RAFFLE AFTER PARTY**
 3:30 pm **BIG FISH CONTEST WINNERS**

MONDAY, AUGUST 5

6 pm **CONCERT IN VILLAGE PARK**
 Featuring **THE NEPHEWS**
 Presented by Portage Lake Association

ONEKAMA LIONS RAFFLE

\$5,000 in Cash Prizes

Only 400 tickets sold

\$25 Each

**\$1,000
TOP PRIZE**

Contact
231-889-4870

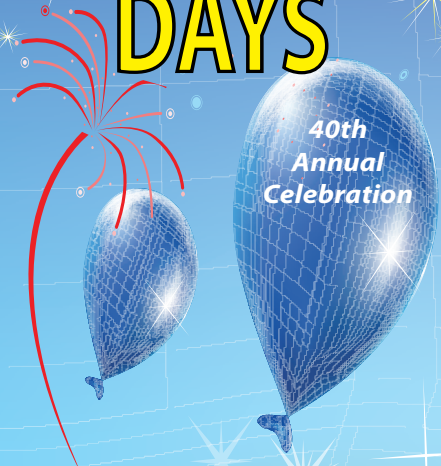
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 Pig Roast: Al Taylor 231-889-0205
 Race & Walk: 231-690-2147
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ONEKAMA DAYS



AUGUST 1st - 5th

Onekama, Michigan

2013 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thank You For Joining Us

Onekama Consolidated Schools Continuing Education Classes Fall 2013

Eight Week Classes start Monday, September 23 and end Saturday, November 23

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. Our new package format allows you to sign up for as many classes during the week as you would like.

Monday with Kim , Tuesday with Leann, Wednesday with Kim, Thursday with Leann

All classes are from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Activity Room. \$30 per class unless you sign up for two or more indoor cycling classes and then you pay only \$25 per class!



Indoor Video Cycling

Like indoor cycling but with a video component that 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 fastest 60 minutes of your day. No boredom allowed in this session. You'll be changing it up every three to four minutes. Medium to high intensity workout. 16 sessions.

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

Hard Core Fusion

It's the newest fitness class format and it's HOT! Fusion classes incorporate just about everything in a 60 minute workout: upper and lower body strength conditioning using your own weight as resistance, plyometrics (quick moves to increase agility and response), core conditioning, cardio in the form of indoor cycling, running, BOSU and aerobic cardio, balance all in a high-intensity interval training (HIIT) format. No two workouts are ever the same and we've got music that will make you move. Want to get stronger faster and not afraid of working up a sweat?

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

Zumba

Back by popular demand! Ditch the Workout and Join the Party! This fun Latin dance style workout develops all muscle groups and ramps up your cardio. Get your friends together and get your Zumba on!

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

***New Class!!!!* Stretch to the Core**

A strong core and flexibility are your most important assets regardless of your fitness level. This class incorporates core strength training, stretching and development of flexibility for an overall effective yet not so strenuous workout. 16 sessions.

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

KUDOS TO:
Shay's Chop House for the
very attractive cedar shake
siding exterior!
Saco's IGA for the new
landscaping, signage and
parking lot improvements!

Onekama Consolidated Schools Continuing Education Classes Con't

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 at 889-4251 to set an appointment.

Men's Open Shoot – 6 week series

Take advantage of this opportunity to keep in shape and sharpen your basketball skills.

Men's Open Shoot is open to men ages 18 – 25.

It will run for 6 weeks from Saturday, October 5, to November 9 from 5:30pm – 7:30 pm.

Pre-register by contacting 231-889-4251 by September 27th.



Cost: \$20 per person for 6 weeks

Minimum: Minimum number of participants is 12

Time: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Day: Saturdays in October and November.

WORKSHOPS

So Your Kids are Playing Soccer....

Are your kids signed up for soccer, and you don't have a clue about the game? Here's a quick introduction to the game, how the rules are different for specific age groups and what you can expect as a parent or a coach. Roger and Leann Burger, coaches and referees for more than 23 years, will explain everything from that tricky offside rule to equipment your child needs to get started. \$5 for one or both parents or guardians.

Sunday, September 8, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Onekama Schools Distance Learning Classroom,

Quilt Class

Skill Level- Beginner and above

Project- Throw size Tossed Nine Patch Quilt (approximately 55x64)

Three class sessions: Wednesdays, October 16, 23, & 30, 6pm until 8pm

COST \$ 35 plus materials

Class members will make a quilt top during our three week class. The following skills will be covered in our sessions: learn to use a rotary cutter and mat, make accurate ¼ inch seams, use strip piecing methods, use chain piecing methods, proper pressing techniques, join completed blocks into rows and join rows together. We will learn to add borders, make pieced borders and learn to bind a completed quilt. We will not be quilting our project in class.

Fall Table runner class

Skill Level- Beginner and above

Project- Seasonal Table Runner 43 x 20

Two Class sessions: Saturday, October 12th & 15th, 9:30 am – 12 Noon

Cost: \$20 plus supplies

Class members will use a rotary cutter and mat, piece blocks and join them to make a table runner. We will learn to prepare the backing, batting and quilt top and quilt it on our machines using a walking foot. Preparing binding and attaching it will be demonstrated.

TICK ALERT:

Over 20 known species of ticks are in MI. If you find a tick on your body, pull it straight out with fine tipped tweezers and put it in a tight lidded container- it should be alive for the testing. Take it to the Health Dept. at 385 3rd St. in Manistee. The state lab in Lansing will test it for species identification and disease. This lab work is done at no charge for MI residents.

Onekama Building Supply (the hardware store) carries Permethrin, which is to be sprayed on a set of clothing and will keep ticks away for up to 6 washings of those clothes. Ticks carry Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever and many other bacterial and viral conditions. Most require treatment with antibiotics, and the sooner the better to prevent long term complications.

DATE SET FOR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

The Portage Lake Watershed Forever (PLWF) Annual Cocktail Party will be held on Saturday, July 27, from 5:00 until 7:00 at the Bernard Family compound on Ardmore Road on the north side of Portage Lake.

This year will feature brief remarks by Portage Lake's Lake Management Environmental Scientist, Bre Grabil. As questions usually abound about the state of the lake, this event will give attendees a chance to get accurate and current information.

The party, however, is never all work and no play. Each year for the past six summers, the event has brought friends together to enjoy fine food and wine in their support of the Watershed's

Annual Fund. This fund helps to defray costs associated with ongoing work of the organization.

For tickets (\$60/each) or for more information, please contact Mary Reed, PLWF Chair, at 231-889-3781.



What's Happening to Portage Lake?

The short answer is "lots".

The longer answer can be had on Saturday, June 29th from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. at the Farr Center in Onekama. Environmental Scientist Bre Grabil, who is responsible for management of the lake, is going to talk about "The State of the Lake". Sponsored by PLWF, the hour-long session is scheduled to accommodate busy weekend schedules, family obligations and Saturday errands. In other words, we will begin promptly and end on time.

Coffee and donuts will be provided. There is no charge and everyone is invited.



Invasive Species Committee Report

The first 2013 survey of the lake was conducted by Professional Lake Management on June 4th. In addition to doing the usual Aquatic Vegetation Assessment Site survey, they also used a Lowrance sonar and side imaging structure scanning depth finder. This is the same equipment that was donated by the watershed for use by volunteers throughout the summer.

All the data will be sent to a bio-base technology company to be updated and compiled into precise, current maps of underwater invasive weed colonies. These will not only serve as treatment maps, but will become a permanent record to confirm effectiveness of areas treated, growth statistics, identify new areas of infestation for future treatment, and maintain a year by year effectiveness profile of Eurasian water milfoil treatment. With this new state of the art technology and the increased number of surveys that will be done by volunteers throughout the summer, we will have excellent data on the aquatic vegetation in our lake this summer.

The purple loosestrife was treated using a biological control in late May and the phragmites treatment will be done in September.

Watch for the Portage Lake Newsletter that will be included in your winter tax notice for the 2014 Tentative Treatment and Survey Schedule. An extensive State of the Lake Report will be available later this summer.



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