



PLA PRESIDENT'S LETTER October 2024

Dear Onekama Friends:

And what a summer it was, hopefully enjoyable for you, certainly a successful, busy time for Portage Lake Association.

The Hello Summer Cocktail Party at the Portage Point resort was a blast, great food and mingling. The Grand Opening Concert for the Village Park stage was a special event, featuring three bands on a beautiful Sunday in June. The music continued with eight Monday Night Concerts in the Park, ranging from folk, Cajun, blues and Elvis.

Onekama Days requires many volunteers, sponsors, donors and partners, and we pulled off another busy, fun weekend. With your help, memberships and donations, PLA put on the fireworks show, car show, pig roast, craft beer tasting, sponsored the craft show, and helped other local groups with their events.

The Volunteer Appreciation lunch was a nice chance to meet community minded residents. And we admired the petunias, and are attending the fall season of Near & Farr Friend's programming. You may be getting this newsletter as we roll into Fall Festival on Saturday, October 5th, a great slate of free activities for kids and families.

I'm looking forward to the Christmas Artisan Market and Celebration of Lights, both held the weekend prior to Thanksgiving. Hope to see you there

You can reach Portage Lake Association at information@onekama.info. Check onekama.info for all your Onekama questions, join our Facebook group Onekama Community Connection and visit the 1,-Onekama Facebook page.

Rosalind Jaffe
Portage Lake Association



**Have any great ideas or articles for the Newsletter? Suggestions or comments?
Ideas for a Person we should know?**

Contact the editor, Jean Capper via email at jmcmom@aol.com

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION OF ARTICLES TO THE PLA NEWSLETTER:

Articles must be in Microsoft Word format. Name the file something that is readily understandable e.g., petunias 0320. Photos must be jpg format. Name them the same as the file they are associated with (petunias 0320_1.jpg, petunias 0320_2.jpg). Action photos, close ups are preferable to still photos of groups.

The next newsletter deadline will be December 20, 2024 for the January 2025 issue.



*Sweater
& Cider*

PORCH PARTY

5 OCTOBER 2024

HOT CIDER, TREATS, ART,
SALES, INSPIRATION AND
COZY VIBES

A vibrant poster for the Portage Lake Association Fall Festival. The background is a dark wood plank texture with colorful autumn leaves and triangular bunting flags in red, yellow, and blue. At the top left are logos for West Shore Bank and Five Star Real Estate Leaders. The main title 'FALL FESTIVAL' is in large, bold, orange and yellow 3D letters. Below it, a banner reads 'FREE FAMILY FUN'. The date 'SATURDAY OCTOBER 5' is prominently displayed in large, bold, orange and yellow letters. At the bottom, it says 'FROM 10 AM TO 3 PM IN ONEKAMA VILLAGE PARK' and 'QUESTIONS?? INFORMATION@ONEKAMA.INFO'. A small 'WELCOME TO ONEKAMA PORTAGE LAKE ASSOCIATION' logo is in the bottom right corner.

WEST SHORE BANK

five star*
REAL ESTATE LEADERS

PORTAGE LAKE ASSOCIATION

**FALL
FESTIVAL**

FREE FAMILY FUN

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 5

FROM 10 AM TO 3 PM IN ONEKAMA VILLAGE PARK

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WELCOME TO
ONEKAMA
PORTAGE LAKE ASSOCIATION

SWEATER WEATHER ALERT!!



Stock up on sweaters, sweatshirts, jackets and more for the whole family!

We have a lot to choose from.

Stop in for bargains on coats, boots, hats, gloves, comforters, blankets and just about everything you'll need to stay warm this winter!

Our last date for the season is October 5th, so be sure to load up now!



Onekama Guild Thrift Shop

We are a non-profit organization, located at 4830 Main Street, donating proceeds to local charities. It's not too late to visit our great Thrift Shop. Follow them on Facebook: Onekama Guild Facebook Page

The PLA is once again excited to sponsor Christmas in Onekama!

Saturday, November 23rd is the Artisan Market at the School from 10-3. Due to the success of the juried show last year, we are expanding into the big gym this year. All items must be HANDMADE! Please send your request for an application to the plaartisanmkt@gmail.com



*Look for more information about:
Christmas in Onekama
www.onekama.info/christmas-onekama
and Celebration of Lights
Contact: [kathy Loynes](mailto:kathy.Loynes@comcast.net)
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2024 Civic Beautification Award

Greg Carlson, owner of the Dala House in Onekama has received the 2024 Civic Beautification Award from the Portage Lake Garden Club. The award recognizes an Onekama business or organization for its efforts to enhance the community through landscaping. Greg was surprised to receive the award and was appreciative that the garden club noticed his efforts.

Greg has strong ties to Onekama and cares deeply about the area. Greg met his wife Joyce while they were counselors at Portage Lake Bible Camp in the 1970's. Joyce's family lived in Onekama and soon Greg, Joyce and their children had a summer home here. He and Joyce have lived here full-time since 2020.

Now known as the Dala House, Greg hoped that the renovation of the former apartment on Main Street would "create a spark in Onekama" that would lead to further improvements in the Main Street area. Greg stated "Onekama offers such a beautiful opportunity. I was hopeful that others would see this as a beginning of something exciting in the Village." As evidenced by the improvement projects popping up in the Village, others do share in Greg's belief that Main Street has great potential. Although Greg believes that businesses "can and should lead" by example, the Village of Onekama is a mix of residential and business. Greg is hopeful that if each does "just a little more," the small efforts will combine into something greater.

Left to Right: Margaret Punches, Greg Carlson, LaVonne Beebe



News From the Portage Lake Garden Club

In early September, three new officers of Onekama's Portage Lake Garden Club were appointed. Mary Talbott will serve as First Vice President, Mary Jane Rumler as Second Vice President, and Martha Capper as Recording Secretary. Continuing on for the second year of their terms are President Pam Tompke, Treasurer Patrice Beauvais, and Corresponding Secretary Susan Halloran. Mary Jo McElroy continues to serve the board as a Past President.

Left to Right: Mary Jo McElroy, Mary Jane Rumler, Susan Halloran, Mary Talbott, Patrice Beauvais, Martha Capper, Pam Tompke



**The laundromat got a face lift.
Looks great.**



Thanks to Steam and Squeegee for their donations to the Onekama community-they power washed the two gazebos at Langland Park and they cleaned the tank used for watering the beautiful petunias.
<https://steamandsqueegee.com>



Poetry at Patina

By Nikki Schneider

Since opening the Gallery side of Patina in 2023, I have had the privilege of hosting many artists., writers, poets, painters, ceramicists, jewelry makers, photographers and MORE.

Patina is a safe space and our community is very supportive of those who have “never done anything like this before”. Case in point is local community member, Dan Behring, who approached me rather timidly with his new booklets of poetry. Dan will be reading his lovely poetry on October 25th. Details below.

Friday Oct. 4, 10-noon- Game Day with
Chris Gravlin hosting

Friday Oct. 11, 10-noon- Experiential Exercises for
Aging in Place Safely with Tonya
Evans

Friday Oct. 18, 10-noon- Kelly Tomaszewski &
Carolyn Wecker -In Home Services
for Manistee area

Friday Oct. 25- 10-noon -Chelsea Willis, RN End of
Life and Hospice Options with
volunteer Leann Burger, music for
Hospice care

Friday Nov. 1, 10-noon- Game Day with
Nancy Dabrowski hosting

Friday Nov. 15- Julie Schumaker- Benzie Welcome
Corps & Ukraine Family

Programs are held at the Onekama Township Hall. Free and all are welcome. Donations are appreciated to support this Portage Lake Association program. Near and Friends was created to welcome those new to the area and to share social and educational time with all residents. The Portage Lake Association is a group of community volunteers who work to make Onekama a great place to work, play and stay.



*Reflections
&
Random Emotions*
by Daniel W. Behring

**AN AFTERNOON
OF POETRY, INSPIRATION AND CONNECTION**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25TH
WINE & CHEESE RECEPTION 3:00-5:00PM
READING 3:45 - 4:15PM

**PATINA GALLERY
4850 MAIN STREET
ONEKAMA**



People You Should Know: Shon Fowler & Full Pull Adventures

Today we introduce you to an Onekama business that makes it easy to have fun on Portage Lake: Full Pull Adventures, and its owner, Shon Fowler.

Full Pull Adventures began as a renter of utility trailers, car haulers, dump trailers, and pontoon trailers out of their location on Kerry Road. When they began fielding questions on Facebook about pontoon rentals, they decided to expand and over the past two years, they've grown to five pontoons, with a focus on Tahoe boats. The pontoons can be used for fishing or noodling around area lakes. They also offer sunset tours around Portage Lake and fall color tours. Summer is prime season with a focus on Portage Lake, but in spring or fall, customers can rent pontoons for multi-day use, or arrange for pontoons to be transported to other area lakes. Pontoons seat up to twelve, but multiple boats can be rented at one time for larger groups.

This year Full Pull began renting kayaks and developed a good base of customers at the Portage Point Resort. Over the winter, Shon is growing his kayak fleet and in 2025, will have 50 kayaks available. He has plans to open a second location in Brethren and offer kayak rentals for the scenic ride from Tippy dam to High Bridge on the Manistee River. Shon is also purchasing new Tahoe pontoons for next year's season.

Shon is a great promoter of the Onekama area, supporting other local businesses and helping his customers to fully enjoy area's resources. He gives a safety rundown and demonstration to each renter, and his equipment has all the necessary insurance and safety

equipment. He take time with each customer and one of the most fun parts of his job is getting to know his customers. Full Pull Adventures is a great community citizen, donating trailers for Onekama Days and Manistee County Fairground events.

Online reservations and payment makes it easy to work with Full Pull, and Shon is happy to provide the personal touch with his full service attitude.

Shon Fowler is originally from Manistee and graduated from Brethren High School; his wife Katy hails from Onekama. In addition to Full Pull Adventures, Shon is an ironworker, which keeps him traveling around the country. He takes off summers to work on Full Pull Adventures. Shon and Katy love off roading and are big fans of Drummond Island.

Full Pull Adventures can be reached at 231-510-7177 or check them out on Facebook or at fullpulladventures.com. They are located at 5801 Kerry Road, Manistee, MI, just east of Onekama.

Recycling

Wonder if something is recyclable? Check this link for a helpful guide: [Manistee Recycling PA69 Recycling Program](#)

Public Act 69 allows Michigan Counties and local units of government to enter into an agreement to fund a residential recycling program. Nine of Manistee County's communities, including Onekama Township/Village use Public Act 69 to fund their local recycling programs and are collectively known as the PA69 Recycling Program. The recycling sites located in six communities are paid for and are for use by residents of the PA69 Recycling Program communities only. View the [PA69 Recycling Guidelines](#) to see what is recyclable in these communities.

All Manistee County residents have access to the recycling drop-off site located at the Republic Services Manistee County Landfill at 3890 Camp Road, Manistee.

Have Questions? Call the Toll-free Recycling Hotline - 855-2Go-Zero (855-246-9376).

And WONDER where Onekama Township's recycling went? It is now located off of John St. behind the Fair Grounds.

WILL ONEKAMA HAVE PETUNIAS IN 2025?

The “Petunia Parade” in Onekama is a long-standing tradition, initiated in 1993 by Dan and Polly Welburn. It consists of about 75 volunteers planting, fertilizing, weeding, and watering almost 4,000 petunias in ground plots for about a mile along Main Street (M-22). Locals and visitors alike absolutely love how the petunias lend a quaint appearance to our Village. This year was no exception with a lovely array of blooms along the road.

So, when the rumors started flying about M-22 being repaved, my first thought was, “How will that affect the Petunia Parade in Onekama?” Township Trustee Bob Blackmore warned of the extreme heat of the asphalt, while my thoughts were more about workers trampling the little pink, white, and magenta flowers! I contacted Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to get the scoop and was informed that 2025 is the year for resurfacing M-22 and creating ADA-compliant sidewalk corners at intersections with Main Street in Onekama.

Debby Major and I decided to consult with Terri and Mary at Pleasanton Valley Greenhouses where we buy the petunia transplants. Terri Schmidt voiced a concern about workers trampling ANY plantings along the roadway. Her second issue was the fragility of petunias – they are vulnerable to the fumes (more so than the heat) from the asphalt even when elevated away from the ground on a shepherd’s hook or hanging basket on a telephone pole. They cited their experience with this in Bear Lake.

As the summer unfolded, we solved some problems – we found a new watering person with a truck to pull the 1000-gallon water tank, replaced the hitch and tongue jack for the trailer, and got the water tank cleaned. Looking ahead to 2025, we are threatened by the loss of our water source next year and the need to keep our volunteers motivated to keep those annoying weeds at bay! You know the ones I mean – those intertwining, vicious ones with tiny flowers that want to invade everything in their path.

Currently, we think the best approach is to take a GAP year for petunias along the roadside. A gap year means that we would take a year’s “vacation” from the normal process. That will allow the M-22 resurfacing project to proceed, we will be able to replenish the soil (the last time that was done was 2019), we can fix the

tires on the trailer, we can find another water source, we can resolve the algae growth in the tank, and we can give our loyal volunteers a year’s reprieve from bending over on hot summer days pulling weeds.

Some ideas have been proposed and more will be considered. If you have a great idea or want to pitch in with a solution, please let me know at maryjomcelroy@sbcglobal.net. The entire Petunia Parade Committee welcomes your input.



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Seasonal Clean-Up – Snow Removal – Installations





Or visit us online: www.manisteeelibrary.org

Manistee Main

95 Maple St

Phone: (231) 723-2519

Monday	9:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Tuesday	9:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Wednesday	9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Thursday	9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Friday	9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Sunday	CLOSED

Onkama

5283 Main St.

Phone: (231) 889-4041

Monday	10:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Tuesday	CLOSED
Wednesday	12:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Thursday	10:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Friday	10:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sat. - Sun.	CLOSED

Wellston

1273 Seaman Rd.

Phone: (231) 848-4013

Monday	12:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Tuesday	10:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Wednesday	10:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Thursday	10:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Fri. - Sun.	CLOSED

SELF-SERVICE CENTER

Wagoner Community Center
260 St. Mary Parkway

*This is a collaboration with the
Manistee Council on Aging.

For more details, contact:
Manistee Main at (231) 723-2519

St. Joseph Community Food Pantry

St. Joseph Parish Fellowship Hall,
(Entrance located behind Church)

8380 Fifth St, P.O. Box #150

Onkama, MI 49675

Contact: Leslie Osborn, 231.864.2509

Email: foodpantry_2014@yahoo.com

There are always people in need of food, drink, clothes and kindness. On average, we serve about 100 people every month. We spend about \$1,500 a month for food and drink. Donations from parishioners, other churches, civic organizations, individuals and others fund our ministry. Parishioners are only a portion of the 20-25 regular volunteers, many of whom have been helping for more than 10 years, and some have volunteered month after month for over 25 years. The purpose of the food pantry is to respond to families and individuals who are residents of Manistee County, are low income and in need of food assistance.

The St. Joseph Community Food Pantry, Onkama, is open the 4th Friday of each month, from 10:00 - 11:15 AM, and will be open regardless of the weather conditions.

WALKING TRACK AND FITNESS CENTER HOURS

Check out the walking track and fitness center at the Onkama School. Hours are:

Monday through Friday

5 AM to 8 AM
& 3 PM to 8 PM

Saturday & Sunday

5 AM to 8 PM

NOTE: Walking Track is closed during Athletic Events. Applications for keycards to the walking track and fitness center are available in the Superintendent's Office (hours are Monday-Friday 8AM to 3PM).

Concerts in the Park



This year's Concerts in the Park series was a big success. The series opened with a three-band show on Sunday, June 23 to celebrate the grand opening of the Village Park's new concert stage. Doc and Donna Probes sang Jimmy Buffet songs and other beach hits, followed by local acts Truck Driver Bingo and Feral Cats Deluxe performing blues, rock, and classic Americana.

Monday night shows resumed on July 1 with west-Michigan band Schrock Brothers, who entertained the crowd with a great mix of originals and well-known classics. Mesick, Michigan duo Freshwater Roots followed on July 8 with a blend of popular covers from the sixties to 2000's. Everyone's favorite cajun/zydeco band Benzie Playboys drew a huge crowd on July 15 and, as always, had everyone dancing and singing along. Traverse City, Michigan native and longtime Concerts in the Park performer Jim Hawley brought his blend of folk and Americana to the stage on July 22. After a rainout on July 29, Elvis Tribute Artist Jake Slater performed Elvis' best hits from the 50s to 70s on August 5. Traverse City band Fifth Gear debuted on August 12 and played a high-energy show of popular covers from the 60s to today. Manistee trio BVO Band finished the season on August 17 with a great set list of classic covers from the 60s and 70s.

Weather was great and attendance was higher than ever this year, which generated solid donations to fund next year's Concerts in the Park and other PLA events like the Petunia Parade, Fall Festival, and more. This year also saw the new addition of a kettle corn vendor, Sweet Sarah's, who will be back next year. The Con-

certs in the Park committee's goal was to bring a wider variety of music to Onekama this year, which was accomplished with bands Fifth Gear, Freshwater Roots, and BVO debuting along with repeat performers like Jake Slater, Benzie Playboys, and Jim Hawley.

The PLA is looking forward to next year's Concerts in the Park already. If you are interested in volunteering or have ideas for new bands, please contact the PLA.

Photo: At Onekama's Monday Night Concerts in the Park, the fabulous K. Jones and the Benzie Playboys!



Car Show

Do you enjoy the camaraderie of "car guys or gals?" Are you interested in running a Car Show next year as part of Onekama Days? The job requires some organization, networking, and ability to carry out a plan. Training provided. Contact Mary Jo McElroy at maryjomcelroy@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Photo: Bob Oleniczak and his 1957 C-10 Chevrolet won Best of Show

ONEKAMA DAYS August 2-5, 2024

Onekama Days reflects what our area offers to residents and visitors: small town fun, recreation and family entertainment. This community event wouldn't happen without the partnership between the Onekama Lions Club, Portage Lake Association, Onekama Athletic Boosters, Manistee County Fair Board and Onekama Township Parks & Recreation.



Children's activities included Science Fun for Kids; crowning of the Prince/Princess/Queen/King of Onekama; Kids Day Games & Crafts; 1, Rocks Rock Painting, Onekama Park's Scavenger Hunt; Butterfly Palooza, and the free magic

show by Michael Trixx.

Moving the Onekama Days Parade, traditionally held Sunday afternoon, to Saturday night at eight pm let us enjoy cooler evening temperatures and tied in nicely with Saturday night fireworks.

All ages enjoyed the car show (80 cars!) at the scenic Village Park; the Blessing of the Pets at St. John's by the Lake; Onekama Lions' Cornhole Tournament; Church of the Brethren Sale; Bump n' Run & Demo Derby; and the aforementioned fireworks over Portage Lake. Shout-out to the many people and businesses supporting fireworks as PLA received a record number and amount of donations.



Onekama Township Parks and Recs

Another great summer filled with fun events. New this year was the 30 day challenge, raising butterflies and Family Fun Day at Langeland. People continued to enjoy Yoga on the Beach, Rockhounding 101, Guided Bird Walks, Kids and Kites, Children's Science Series, Glen Park History and Adventure Walk, the Parks Scavenger Hunt and Butterfly Palooza. The 30 day challenge attracted 37 participants - kids to adults. Event will return bigger and better- starting 30 days before Onekama Fun Run. The reward towel was very popular! Activities included traditional swim run bike, but also included tennis, sailing, and kayak and treadmill at the high school gym. We love feedback, please complete our Survey .



Onekama Township Parks and Recreation

2024 FAMILY FUN DAY AT THE BEACH



Best use of natural elements



Tallest



Best sandcastle community



Featheriest



Best Engineering



Deepest

Congrats!

**SANDCASTLE
CONTEST
WINNERS**



Most creative

Thank you to our Family Fun Day Sponsor Dr. Siwek



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Township News

Recycling Containers and PCA Cardboard Trailer Have Moved. The Township in collaboration with Manistee County has relocated the recycling containers and PCA cardboard trailer to a new location. It is directly adjacent to the Fairgrounds off of John Street.

Please observe all rules related to recycling and if the bins or trailer are full, DO NOT leave your recycling. Take it back and return another day.

Thank you for your cooperation.

-Trails Feasibility Project

Visit Trail Project

This communication page launched on 9/4/2024. It will be the communication venue for the trails project and will be updated on a timely basis

BOARD MEMBERS: Supervisor, David Meister; Clerk, Amber Sedelmaier; Treasurer, Edward Bradford; Trustees, Robert Blackmore and Cyndy Wangbichler

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Manistee County Planning Department, M-F 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

BURNING PERMITS: Burning permits issued by website: www.michigan.gov/burnpermit. Township residents: you are (Twp. 23 N. and Range 16 W) and your section number.

BURN BANS: Burn bans can be found at dnr.state.mi.us.

TOWNSHIP OFFICE HOURS: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Closed on the following recognized holidays: Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, and Christmas Eve through New Year's Day.

TOWNSHIP OFFICE

PHONE: (231) 889-3308; FAX: 889-5587.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: (231) 889-7014

VILLAGE COUNCIL UPDATE

Phase 2-Onekama Village Park Improvement Plan— Thanks to the public's generosity, \$25,000 in funding from both the Village of Onekama and Onekama Township, and a \$100,000 grant from the Manistee County Community Foundation, ground will be broken this fall for a new picnic pavilion at the Village Park. The new pavilion will be erected in the spring of 2025 and will be of the same design as the new event stage. It will be the same size as the old picnic pavilion, will be fully accessible, and will have lighting and upgraded electrical capacity.

Onekama Trail Project—The village continues to work with Onekama Township as a feasibility study is conducted to determine the viability of a walking/biking trail that would connect all of the township and village parks from the fairgrounds to Langland Park. A well-attended Open House was held on 29 August to introduce this project to the public. There will be other similar events for the general public where the contractor conducting the feasibility study can answer questions and receive suggestions before presenting the final study results.

Short-term Rentals—The Village Planning Committee and the Village Council have been working on the development of a short-term rental ordinance. A public hearing on that subject was held on 10 September, 2024 to get public input on the matter. There will be more to come on this subject going forward.

Village Master Plan—The Village Planning Committee and the Village Council continue to move forward with the village's contractor on the development of a Village Master Plan. A steering committee of residents and business owners has been established and met for the first time on 7 August. Stay tuned for more to come on the village master plan.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED!

Recycling Location



Village of Onekama Master Plan Update: “Our Vision, Our Village”

The Village of Onekama kicked-off development of a new Master Plan on June 25, 2024. This meeting gave residents and business owners an opportunity to meet face-to-face with the steering committee members and consultant managing the master plan update process, Community Image Building Planning (CIB Planning). This kick-off meeting also included a strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT) analysis. On June 26, 2024, three public listening sessions were held to obtain feedback from residents and businesses owners on topics important to them. The June 25th and June 26th sessions were well attended.

Since the June 25th and 26th meetings, CIB Planning has prepared demographic data for the Village and summarized the results of the SWOT analysis. This information was presented to the Steering Committee on August 7, 2024. Additionally, demographic and SWOT information has been posted to the Village of Onekama Website and the Village of Onekama Planning Commission Facebook page.

Responses to the Village of Onekama Master Plan survey have been excellent. As of the first week of August, over 200 people have completed the survey. The survey will remain open until November 1, 2024 in an effort to capture fall visitor thoughts and opinions. If you haven't completed the survey yet, below is a link or simply scan the QR code to the right.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OnekamaMasterPlan>

The Steering Committee will be meeting again on October 2, 2024. Topics for discussion include goals and objectives, future land use policy, future growth, among others. This is a public meeting and anyone may attend.

Opportunities for public input will continue for the next several months and we value your input. You are also invited to attend the monthly meetings of the Village Planning Commission and share your thoughts and vision for the Village of Onekama. Your feedback is important as it will help shape the updated Master Plan and together, we can establish a vision for our vibrant and resilient community.

For additional information, please contact the Onekama Village Offices at 231-889-3171

VILLAGE COUNCIL UPDATE

For information on what's happening at the Village Council, visit Onekama.info and click on Village. You will find agendas, minutes and more there.

Reminders—Village Council meets third Wednesday of each month at the Farr Center at 7:00 PM

Village Planning Committee meets second Tuesday of each month at the Farr Center at 6:00 PM

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Onekama Village Council

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Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
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Pet Pictures with Santa

Patina will host their 6th annual Pet Photos with Santa event on December 7 & 8th from 1:00-3:00pm. All proceeds go to Home-ward Bound in Manistee. Follow them on Facebook and Instagram for more details. www.facebook.com/PatinaDesigns4850

MEMBERSHIP & DONATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Best Contact Phone _____

Email Address _____

How should we use your donation*: Check one:

- ☐ General Fund (best use / most needed project)
☐ Petunia Planting ☐ Concerts in the Park
☐ Celebration of Lights ☐ Onekama Days Fireworks

Other _____

**Excess funds roll over to best use as determined by the PLA Board.*

*Make checks payable to **Portage Lake Assoc.** and send along with this form to:
PLA, PO Box 493, Onekama, MI 49675*



MEMBERSHIP

- ☐ Individual \$35
☐ Family \$50
☐ Renewing Member
☐ New Member
☐ I'm interested in Volunteering

For More Events and information – check out www.onekama.com

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