

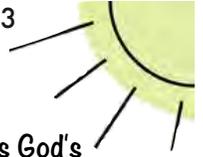


NEWSLETTER

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JULY 2016 PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Hello,

I'm sitting on my deck enjoying the warmth, the trees, beautiful flowers and the lovely view. When they say this is God's country they truly mean it. Whether you are a full time resident, a summer resident or a visitor, our town Onekama and the two lakes, Portage Lake and Lake Michigan, have so much to offer! Fishing, sailing, boating, swimming, hiking and so much more. For me, one of the highlights is having friends and family visit. They keep coming back and I smile and enjoy every minute. My family will be here for the 4th-children, grandchildren galore! They love the beach and of course, MiMi's cooking. Great times.

By the time you read this, another annual fundraiser will have come and gone-it is our biggest money maker and supports all the wonderful activities of the Portage Lake Association. If you missed it, make sure to look out for next year's event. I want to thank all of the volunteers who spent untold hours making this event happen. You are the best! Don't miss Onekama Days-August 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th. Look for more details in the newsletter, on Facebook and at www.onekama.info. Don't miss the Craft Beer tasting and Pig Roast-proceeds go to support scholarships and other student centered activities for our Onekama schools.

Our Monday Night Concerts in the Park are starting soon, the first was June 27. Please remember these are free to the public; however, a donation would be appreciated. Please note that more dates and a list of the musicians are included in this newsletter.

The petunias are planted-watch them grow and bloom. Thank you to the Petunia Committee. Their planning, planting and caring for the flowers takes endless volunteers. Please drive by, look at their glory and if you see a worker, nod and give them a big thumbs up! The PLA thanks you for your donations that help make this happen.



Well I must go for now, enjoy your summer. Please join the Portage Lake Association in all their great upcoming events. I would love to meet you.

Diane Bess
Diane Bess,
President, Portage Lake Association

ONEKAMA DAYS 2016 – Mark your Calendars for August 5th, 6th and 7th

Planning has been underway for several months for the community event of the year. The Portage Lake Association will be having the Michigan Craft Beer Tasting with another classic beer glass to add to your collection. We will also have the Pig Out for Scholarships followed by a Cousin Curtis Concert on Friday Night, with the fireworks to follow at dusk. The beer tasting, pig roast and the Cousin Curtis Concert will all be held in the Village Park this year. You can learn more about Onekama Days as the program comes together by using this link:
<http://www.onekama.info/onekama-days/>

JOIN US FOR A
WEEKEND OF FUN!!



Fireworks



Beverages & Gear



Pig Roast



Entertainment

Evelyn Lysette Sorenson Memorial ARTS Fund

It has been nearly three years since our beloved Evelyn, a long time resident on the point next to Portage Point Inn, has departed. It seems fitting to offer those who knew her, or those who wished they had known her, to contribute to a fund in her memory to support the Arts in this community. As many know, she was a prolific artist and had a studio in her home. She used her artist name Lysette for the studio and there she displayed over twenty unique pictorial tapestries that she created over many decades. Each was accompanied by her story of its meaning and purpose. Tours of her studio were always a special experience. Evelyn was also a painter, builder, sculpture, quilter, song writer and open to learning new art techniques up until her death.

To remember and honor her unique gifts to this community in the arts- visual and performing- a fund has been established within the Portage Lake Association to support the arts locally. An advisory committee will be convened annually to plan art events or projects that are for the good of the Onekama area with the funds raised.

If you wish to contribute to this fund in memory of Evelyn, you can do so online at: www.onekama.info and click on the Evelyn Lysette Sorenson Memorial Fund.

*If you prefer to send a check, make it out to: the PLA-Lysette Memorial. Mail your check to:
PLA- Lysette Memorial
PO Box 493,
Onekama, MI 49675-0493.*

A big thank you to all the volunteers that make this happen, and a big thank you to all of the folks that donate funds to this effort. We could not do this without all of you!

If you would like to donate to this effort, you can donate on line at: <http://www.onekama.info/product/donate-to-the-pla/>



This Quarter's Person You Should Know...

JOHN WEMLINGER



John and Diane Wemlinger had been visiting Onekama at the invitation of their close friends, Bonnie and Al Garbrecht, for over ten years. So it was only logical that when John decided it was time to retire in 2013 that moving to Onekama was kind of a no-brainer.

"We love everything about this area," he says, "the lakes, the trails, the people, the activities. It's so much more than we thought it would be and we had high expectations to begin with."

John is a retired Army Colonel. He flew helicopters during a tour of duty in Vietnam in 1971-72. Now he is a writer and his latest novel, *Winter's Bloom* extols the virtues of our beautiful corner of the state's lower peninsula. Set in the fall/winter/spring of 2008-2009, the novel powerfully tells the story of Rock Graham, a decorated Vietnam War veteran, who, for over three decades has carried the physical and emotional scars of war. While wintering along the northwest Michigan lakeshore, a freak accident re-triggers his long-suppressed PTSD and threatens his very existence. Then, a chance encounter on a desolate, frozen Lake Michigan beach changes his life forever.

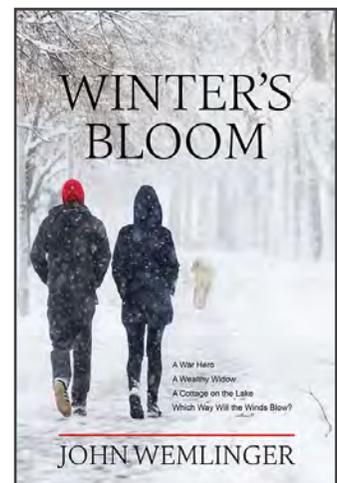
"The book can be whatever the reader wants it to be," Wemlinger says. On one level it is a beautiful romance. On another level, it shows the depths to which PTSD can drive a person's soul. "A good book for me," Wemlinger explains, "is one that has something to say about contemporary issues wrapped around a good story. I think *Winter's Bloom* gives the reader just that."

Mary Fairgrieve, who's heard him talk about his book, says, "He has several messages he wants to get across.

When you hear him read a few passages and talk about what it took to write it, you get a real feeling of his passion for the story that propels *Winter's Bloom*."

His novel is for sale in several area stores including: **The Yellow Dog Café, MacBeth's** and **Serendipity Gifts**.

To read more about Wemlinger and his novel go to his website, www.johnwemlinger.com.



Onekama's Awesome Rain Garden



After months of planning, dozens of shovel-toting volunteers joined Rob Carson, Manistee's County Planner, over the Memorial Weekend to create the county's first Community Rain Garden at the Farr Center and Library in Onekama.

Volunteers included community volunteers, Portage Lake Watershed members, Portage Lake Garden Club members, Manistee Conservation District staff and young volunteers-getting an early introduction into gardening and helping their community.



Onekama's Rain Garden will collect run off from the Farr Center's roof and parking lot where it will soak into the soil and be filtered by the 40-plus long-rooted native plants that were placed in the garden. The water will eventually re-enter our groundwater, as good as new.

Carson, who designed and supervised the project, said that it is estimated that 70% of water pollution in our area is produced by 'unmanaged' rain and

storm water. "Rain Gardens are of great benefit because they control pollution, protect against flooding, create habitat and help conserve water. All that in addition to being beautiful to looks at."

Mary Reed, PLWF Chair, said that it was a true community effort. "Mike Acton did more than bring a shovel," she added. "He arrived driving his John Deere front loader and spent the rest of the day moving dirt. He was a huge help!" In addition to people from Onekama and Manistee showing



up, she also pointed out that neighbors from the Bear Lake Watershed came to help and got some on-the-job training at the same time.

Onekama's Rain Garden was funded through the Manistee County Community Foundation with a grant from the Oleson Foundation and support from Portage Lake Watershed Forever (PLWF), and the Portage Lake Garden Club (PLGC) Ruth Heringlake Memorial Fund. Also involved were members from "Plant It Wild", and the Manistee Conservation District.

For more information about Rain Gardens, you are invited to attend the Portage Lake Garden Club's (PLGC) July 28th meeting which begins at 1 PM. Rob Carson is slated to make a presentation on how to build and care for rain gardens; you will likely run home and start your own!

GOOD NEWS!

The Blue Slipper Tavern will open soon. Stay tuned and check out our Facebook page for updates.



Summary of Draft
VILLAGE OF ONEKAMA REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 18, 2016

Patty O'Donnell/Transport Planner-MDOT North Region- reported the following to the council: MDOT TC staff completed a site visit for four intersections on M-22 regarding ADA ramp crossings. Staff decided the best intersection to reconstruct would be Portage St and ADA ramps could easily be incorporated into this crossing. This would be done at no cost to the Village. After some discussion, Drumm moved, Milasich supported to have M-DOT proceed with this project. M/C.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ZONING – report on file.

PLANNING COMMISSION – had a work session with the Zoning Administrator with regard to the Blarney Castle Project. Time was spent familiarizing themselves with the process of reviewing Special Use applications and associated Site Plans. Very informative.

SEWER –President Burger reported the following: the Waste Water discharge permit is in its 30 day comment period, irrigation has started and a sewer line easement ordinance is being considered.

STREETS- Village streets were swept (by a Grand Rapids firm) this past week. Maintenance personnel have been busy filling pot holes.

BRUSH REMOVAL

Due to the abuse by some village residents of the brush pickup service, prior to future pickups Trustee Drumm and President Burger will inspect brush to be removed and said piles that are not in compliance will be tagged and home owner will be notified and said brush will not be removed.

PARKS / FARR CENTER –

Park Policy Trustee Hendricks and Drumm are working on amending the park policy to bring it up to date. A wastewater line in the park had to be repaired due to the invasion of roots.

Rain Garden- WATERSHED: Mary Reed reported at the April meeting that it was decided the best place for the Rain Garden would be at the east end of Library parking lot off the handicap parking space by the corner of Library. It was also decided that some modifications to the gutters along the back of Farr Center would be needed to support the rain garden. Drumm moved, Milasich supported to allow this work to be done at no cost to the Village. M/C.

CEMETERY –the replacement of the mausoleum roof has gone out for bids. Flags have arrived and Trustee Bauer will set them out in time for the Memorial week-end. Trustees Drumm and Bauer and President Burger will visit the cemetery to look at the trees that are in need of removal.

TOWNSHIP REPORT – minutes on line.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: replacing the 11 mile rd. garage roof has gone out for bids.

NEW BUSINESS

Liquor inspector President Burger would like council approval to appoint part time person Larry Weed as the liquor inspector. Council approved pending a background check if required by the Liquor Commission.

Reebok-Ragnar Relay-Race

Representatives for this activity made contact with the Village with regard to getting permission to run thru the Village (M-22) on Sept. 30&Oct1 between the hours of 1am and 9am. Council had no objection.

Clean Sweep Day

Milasich moved, Hendricks supported to sign a contractual service agreement with the Manistee Conservation District for Household Hazardous Waste Program service. This year the date of the clean sweep collection day is Saturday August 20, 2016 9am to 2pm.

Summary of
ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2016, 9 A.M.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Beebe reported the balance in the General Fund as of April, 2016 is \$304,487.58; balance in the Fire Fund as of April, 2016 is \$176,454.23.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Al Taylor said M-22 is now designated as part of the Pure Michigan By-Way on the state maps.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER JEFF DONTZ: Dontz reported County Treasurer Russell Pomeroy presented an overview of the treasurer's department, including the upcoming sale of approximately 25 delinquent parcels. The county road commission building will be paid for in 2024. The Downtown Development Authority does not have a director as yet.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER KEN HILLIARD: Hilliard reported the commission has created a Brownfield committee. Synergy LLC has been hired to review the bills; the commission has a three- year lease with the AES building; the Armory decided to put the building out for bids.

ROADS: Manistee County Road Commission Manager Mark Sohlden presented a detailed cost estimate and list of potential township road projects. The board will have a special meeting Monday, May 9, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the roads.

*For a full report and to see other minutes, visit
www.onekama.info*



Visit Portage Lake Garden Club's much-anticipated Trinkets & Treasures sale on the Saturday of Onekama Days (August 6th). This year we will be IN the Farr Center, in case of inclement weather. Lots of good stuff to be had!

FARR FRIENDS- Summer Schedule



Anyone can be a Farr Friend! Just show up at the time and place noted below!

Picnics in the Village Park (6pm) for one hour before every **Monday Night** Concert in the Park- bring something to share and enjoy time with new and old friends – find us at a picnic table under a tree. Starts June 27 and ends August 15.

Thursday, July 7 Farr Center 2-4pm Croquet in yard behind Center

Thursday, July 21 Farr Center 2-4pm Hike Glen Springs Park meet at center to carpool

Thursday, Aug 18 Farr Center 2-4pm Tom Gerhardt on History of the opening of the channel to Lake MI from Portage Lake

Thursday, Aug 25 Farr Center 2-4pm Hike Northpoint Park meet at center to carpool



MANISTEE COUNTY FAIR

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 www.facebook.com/manisteecountyfair

Celebrating 140 Years

FAIR WEEK EVENTS:

Tuesday, August 23 - SJO Motocross

Wednesday, August 24
Michigan Truck & Tractor Pullers

***NEW EVENT • Thursday, August 25**
T-N-T Side X Side Drag Racing

***NEW EVENT • Friday, August 26**
Stock Car Races

Saturday, August 27
Unique Motorsports Night of Destruction Demolition Derby

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE MANISTEE COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS:

Friday, July 1 and Friday, August 5
Stock and Lightning Sprint Car Races

Saturday, September 17
T-N-T Demolition Derby



PAPA J's Ice Cream & Eatery

Papa J's Ice Cream & Eatery, located next to the Village Park, has a full lunch, dinner, and ice cream menu.

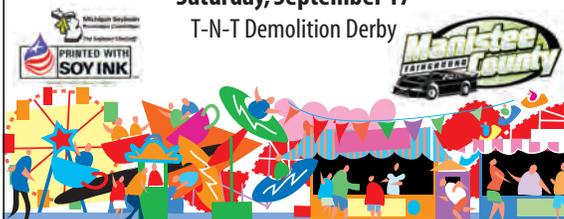
We currently offer daily specials and will offer Monday Night Concert in the Park specials.

PAPA J's Water Sport Rentals



New this season!!!! Papa J's Water Sport Rentals has been added to the entity. Kayak and Paddle Board rentals, hourly or daily rates that include a flotation vest and paddle.

Located at the back of the building. Call to reserve yours today! 231-690-3490 or 231-889-4410.



TRIP TO FERRIS

By Alliyah Torrey

On May 23, 2016, my class, the 8th grade, went on a trip to Ferris State University. The trip was very fun; we toured the campus, ate good food, and learned lots of important information.

When we first got to the campus, a man led us into the welcome center. From there, we were taken to a presentation room. The man explained to us how important GPAs are. GPA stands for grade point average. A 4.0 means you got all A's, 3.0 all B's, 2.0 C's, and so on. Your GPA is something huge colleges look at when giving out scholarships. One detail he gave about GPAs is that it is accumulative; it takes your average from all four years in high school. The man said even though you had a 4.0 GPA your Senior year, it might not accumulatively be that high because of your Freshman or Sophomore years.

Another thing he showed us was a website called the *Occupational Outlook Handbook*. With the website, he showed us how to find the job you are interested in. Then, when you type in that information, the website showed us options: an average on how much money the job makes, experiences you can do to help you prepare for the job, and what degree you need to get the job.

After the presentation was done, a tour guide came. She then led us around the campus. Ferris State is a big school. She first took us to the library. In the library, she told us, is where students come to study and work on projects. Next she took us to their recreation center. The center had four gyms, a climbing wall, and a workout room. The center was amazing, though under construction. Then she took us to dorm rooms, and showed us a sample room. It was interesting to see what most college rooms look like. The last destination she took us to was the cafeteria.



2-10th Grade
at Ferris

I think the cafeteria, whose name is The Rock, was most people's favorite part. The Rock had, what looked like, a bunch of restaurants. You could get Chinese, pizza, pasta, ice cream, and slushies in the same place! To me, it looked like a miniature mall court.

By the time we were done eating, it was time to head home. This never would have been possible without a donation from the PLA. They have also given this opportunity to the 9th, 10th, and 11th grade!

I learned lots of new, important information, like GPAs. Plus, it was fun to get a little taste of the college life!

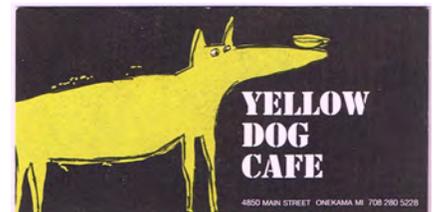


1-8th Grade at Ferris

YELLOW DOG OPENS ITS DOORS

Check it out- there is a new business in town, the Yellow Dog, which is across the street from the hardware store. The owner, Bonnie Mcphedrane, has been coming to Onkama for 7+ years as a visitor. She loves it so much, she decided to move here and to open a coffee shop. She sees the Yellow Dog as an extension of her home and a community gathering place.

She will be exhibiting local artists-Mark Lough will be the first. She also plans on having book readings and other social events. She has created a warm and inviting space, which includes a counter faced with a home building sign found buried on a friend's property. Her teas are from Light of Day, which provide high quality organic teas.



The coffee is from Higher Grounds and she is sourcing as much as possible from Michigan. She will be serving scratch made soups and sandwiches, featuring local organic produce from Ware Farms. In addition she will have bottled sodas and savory and sweet pastries. Welcome to the neighborhood!

Check out this opportunities to help make the world a little better:

Manistee County Child Advocacy Center- last year they provided 17 children and families with services. All services provided through the Child Advocacy Center are at no cost to the child and family. All donations are tax deductible and will be used to help residents of Manistee County.

Donations can be sent to Manistee County CAC
P.O. Box 594 Manistee, MI 49660

for more information, visit their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ManisteeCountyChildAdvocacyCenter

Manistee County Council on Aging-Senior citizens of today are just as vibrant, mobile, engaged and seeking fellowship as their younger counterparts. Aging, it's everyone's future. Stay active. Stay informed. Stay involved.

For more information visit them at www.facebook.com/ManisteeCountyCouncilOnAging or manisteecountcoa.com

Lakeview Church of the Brethren, Community Food Pantry- the food pantry gives food to an average 60 families per month (250 people per month). They serve people from Wellston, Brethren, Manistee and Copemish. Donations of money can be mailed to Lakeview Church of the Brethren, Community Food Pantry, P.O. Box 160, Brethren, MI. In the Wellston area, food can be dropped off at Town & Country Discount. For other food drop off or pick up call Diane at (231) 477-5444 or Linda at (231) 477-5053.

I Hit a Deer!! Now What??

Unless you or someone nearby is injured, DO NOT call 911. Instead keep this number in your vehicle-

231-723-6241

This is central dispatch at the Sheriff's office- they will talk you through the process.

The number is answered 24/7 and they will notify whatever law enforcement personnel is nearest the scene of your incident.

If you have only stunned the deer and it has run off, you still call dispatch if you have damage to your vehicle and plan to file a claim with your insurance company for repairs.

If the deer is dead, you can request a 'car kill' permit to take the deer for processing. If you come upon a fresh kill, you may also call the same number to acquire a 'car kill' permit.

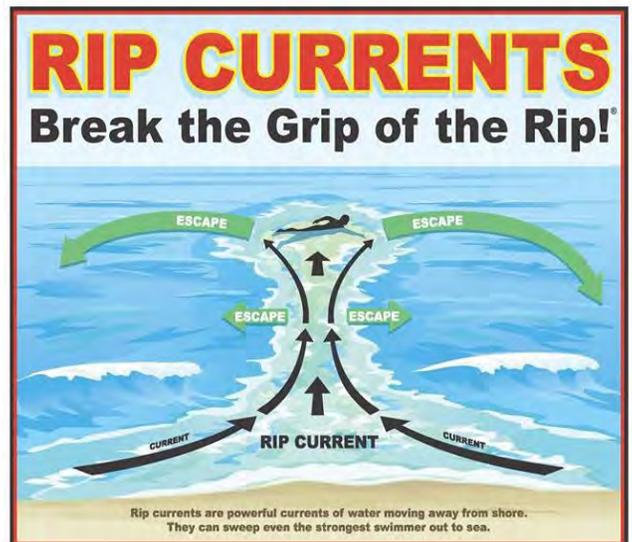
The Road Commission used to be the agency to call for removal of dead animals in our roads or front yards. However, due to budget cuts, they are now just left for 'nature to take care of them'.

This appeared in 2013 but I hear that tics are even worse this year resulting in more cases of Lyme Disease being diagnosed.

TICK ALERT:

Over 20 known species of tics are in MI. If you find a tic on your body, pull it straight out with fine tipped tweezers and put it in a tight lidded container- it must be alive for 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 can be sprayed on a set of clothing and will keep tics away for up to 6 washings. Besides our backyards and gardens, tics are often found on beach grass where they find plenty of folks to land upon in the busy summer months. Check yourself and family members daily after being outside this summer.



IF CAUGHT IN A RIP CURRENT

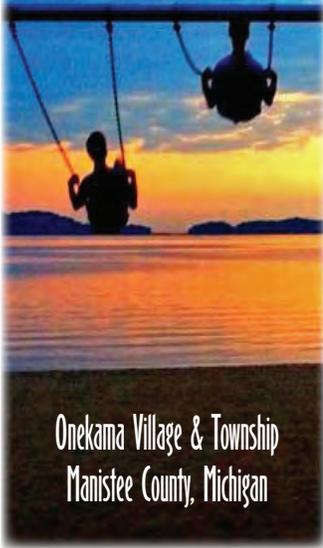
- ◆ Don't fight the current
- ◆ Swim out of the current, then to shore
- ◆ If you can't escape, float or tread water
- ◆ If you need help, call or wave for assistance

SAFETY

- ◆ Know how to swim
- ◆ Never swim alone
- ◆ If in doubt, don't go out

More information about rip currents can be found at the following web sites:
www.ripcurrents.noaa.gov
www.usla.org

Parks & Recreation Guide



Parks

#5 Captain John Langland Park (The Turnaround at the Lake Michigan Shoreline North of the Channel)—West End of Second Street, Portage Point, Onkama Township.

- Community park, natural resource area
- Over a half mile of Lake Michigan Shoreline, acreage unknown
- Some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines for those with disabilities
- Accessible from paved thoroughfare
- Beaches, swimming, access to Channel north pier for fishing and walking, picnicking, Lake views, watching sunset

This popular area with over a half mile of Lake Michigan Shoreline includes a large, asphalt-paved parking lot, a deck with two gazebos that is handicap accessible, and stairs to the Lake Michigan beach. The beach, which is a public land that is platted as Lake Michigan Avenue in Portage Point Resort, leads southward to the north pier of the Portage Lake-Lake Michigan Channel, where fishermen congregate and others walk to obtain a better view of the waters. The beach is extensively used during the warmer months for walking, sunbathing, and swimming. Portable toilets are provided here during the summer months.

The Park is named for Langland, being designated as "Captain John Langland Park." The original lighthouse, which was kerosene, was placed at the end of the north pier in 1891 and was tended by Captain Langland; Langland remained at Portage Lake in his official capacity as light tender until the light was automated and lighted with acetylene gas in 1917. A metal catwalk leading to the wooden light was built in 1901. A steel light tower replaced the wooden structure in 1930. This tower was removed in 1985; a steel cylinder with a light was installed at that time.

#9 North Point Park—Northeast of West and South Greenway Off of Seymour beyond Lake Park Drive, Onkama Township.

- Community park
- 60 acres+-
- Most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines for those with disabilities
- Accessible from paved and graveled roads
- Asphalt-paved, stone-paved, and primitive walking and biking trails, nature walking

This land, a former golf course that was deeded to Onkama Township in 1946, was designated as "North Point Park" in 2002 by the Township Board. It has been a project of the Onkama Village and Township Community Parks and Recreation Committee since

#15 Zosel Street Walk-in Park—South End of Zosel Street at Portage Lake, Onkama.

- Mini-park
- .181 of an acre+-
- Most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines for those with disabilities
- Accessible from paved thoroughfare
- Enjoying open space, Lake access and views, viewing nature

This is a mini-park at the end of Zosel Street that provides access to Portage Lake. Of interest to many is the waterfowl from Portage Lake that flock here, even though there is a Village ordinance in Onkama that prohibits the feeding of this wildlife. This park is flat and is very accessible for those with disabilities. It is used, for the most part, as an observation area for Village residents. Maintained by the Village of Onkama, it is only a block south of Main Street (M-22), Zosel Street is asphalt paved.

#18 Feldhak Park—Southwest of Eight Mile Road and M-22, Onkama Township.

- Natural resource area
- 2.415 acres+-
- Most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines for those with disabilities
- Accessible from paved thoroughfare
- Enjoying open space and wetlands, lake views, viewing nature, picnicking

This parkland was donated to Onkama Township in 1993 by members of the Harry F. Feldhak family with provision that no structures are to be placed on the property. This open space surrounded by wetlands provides a view of Portage Lake at the south entrance to the Village. It was designated as a Park by the Township Board in 2005 and named in honor of the late Harry Feldhak. It is Lakefront property, and contains a picnic table and a monument with a bronze plaque indicating the Park's name. An unpaved parking lot is at the edge of the Park just beyond the shoulder of M-22 on which the Park fronts; it is most enjoyed by people driving past it who have a view of the lawn, wetlands, and Portage Lake.

Feldhak Park is flat with grass that is kept mowed and therefore is mostly accessible for those with disabilities. This Park would be classified as a "natural resource area" that is providing open space and preserving wetlands, which border the Park on the north, west, and south, and contain cattails.

at that time. A conceptual master plan was created in 2001-2002 by Landscape Architect Warren Rauhe from ideas and models by Landscape Architecture Program students in Rauhe's Small Town Design Initiative at Michigan State University. Included in this Park is the Blanche Miller Trail, which has an asphalt-paved 3,203-foot Long Loop, a crushed-stone 1,134-foot Short Loop, and an unpaved 2,730-foot Primitive Loop.

The Park is named for North Point on which it is located. North Point extends into nearby Portage Lake and is also known locally as "Andy's Point." It is a community park, as it is extensively used by the residents and seasonal residents of Onkama Village and Township. It also serves many visitors to the area, and has a 20-car asphalt-paved parking lot.

#10 Portage Wetlands Park - South of Portage Point Road and along Bayview in Sections 22 and 27, Onkama Township

- Natural resource area
- Acreage unknown
- None of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines for those with disabilities
- Accessible from paved thoroughfares
- Wetlands with an array of wildlife, natural plants, trees, shrubs, and mosses with damp soil
- Several rapidly flowing streams

On Portage Lake south of Portage Point Road and along Bayview, the Township purchased on August 6, 2010, 196 wetland lots and a portion of Outlot 4 in Portage Park Addition from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, being in Sections 22 and 27. The tract also is partially on Portage Lake. The deed stipulates that the property shall remain open to the general public; development is restricted to outdoor recreation and support facilities only.

On November 1, 2011, the Onkama Township Board dedicated this land as "Portage Wetlands Park," a name suggested by the Onkama Village and Township Community Parks and Recreation Committee. Although it has been surveyed, this huge wetlands area has not yet been made accessible for hiking and bird/nature observation.

The tract was surveyed in 2012, and two entrance points along Portage Point Road have been located. The numerous lots along Bayview also have been marked. Beckett & Raeder provided a conceptual design for boardwalks and observation platforms in this area.

#20 Carden Park—East Side of Kay Street near Its Intersection with John Street behind Manistee County Fairgrounds, Onkama Township.

- Natural resource area
- 1.138 acres+-
- None of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines for those with disabilities
- Accessible from paved and graveled streets
- Fishing in wooded stream, observing nature

With the fast-flowing waters of Schimke Creek rippling and winding through this wooded setting, Carden Park offers an excellent opportunity for fishing in a natural setting. Lots 24 and 25 in the Hugh Kenny Subdivision were donated by members of the Carden family in 1994 to Onkama Township in honor of the late Clarence C. "Bud" Carden. This park, which is used by nearby residents for fishing, would be classified as a "natural resource area" that is preserving a wooded stream. It was dedicated as "Carden Park" in 2005. The Park is marked with a rustic wooden sign and is easily accessible from Kay Street, on which it fronts.

Recreation

#17 Farr Center—5283 Main Street, Onkama.

- Community park
- 577 of an Acre+-
- Most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines for those with disabilities
- Accessible from paved thoroughfare
- Public hall, Library, Lake views, Butterfly Garden, memorial patio, landscaped areas, children's play area, Community Christmas Tree, picnicking

The former Onkama Farm Bureau Building and land for Farr Center were donated to the Village by Newton C. Farr in 1949. Farr made this donation in honor of his father, Marvin A. Farr, sister, Barbara Farr Chincock; and uncle, Augustine W. Farr, who was the first president of Onkama when Village Government was organized in 1891. The facility houses Village offices, records, and meeting rooms; provides a hall for meetings and social events; and has a wing for the Onkama Branch of the Manistee County Library.

Several Village study clubs and the Portage Lake Garden Club, which has done much of the landscaping surrounding the building, meet in the hall of Farr Center, which also has kitchen facilities. Meals are served to senior citizens here three times a week through a program of the Manistee County Council on Aging. There is a stone mural in this room that was designed by Anice Guimond and installed by the Clio Club, which met in the Hall. The hall, which recently has been upgraded with the addition of new heat and air

conditioning, is for rent to individuals and organizations.

The landscaped grounds contain an asphalt-paved parking lot that was planned for twenty-nine cars, picnic tables, children's play animals, a Butterfly Garden and memorial patio with a metal butterfly seat as its centerpiece, and a large spruce tree that becomes the Community Christmas Tree when lighted by the Portage Lake Association in November. The grounds front on Portage Lake affording a beautiful view of the Lake from inside and outside of the building. Watching a variety of birds on the Lake from this location is an entertaining experience for many.

Farr Center is widely used by Village and Township residents and seasonal residents. Most of it is accessible by those with disabilities. The building is all on one floor and can be accessed from Main Street or the parking lot over level terrain.

#19 Eagles View Wetlands—A Community Preserve—Adjoining and South of Feldhak Park on the West Side of M-22, South of Its Intersection with Eight Mile Road, Onkama Township

- Natural resource area
- 2.4 acres+-
- Most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines for those with disabilities
- Accessible from paved thoroughfare

Enjoying open space and wetlands, lake views, viewing nature, The funds to buy this wetlands (Section 36, Block 6 of Shimpkey's Addition to Brookfield) were donated in 2012 to Onkama Township by the Portage Lake Watershed Forever, after that organization held a fundraising campaign from middle May through June 6 to raise the money to pay the purchase price of \$37,500. On June 13, 2012, the parcel was deeded to Onkama Township. Included is 342 feet of frontage on Portage Lake. At its June 4, 2013, meeting, the Onkama Township Board named this tract "Eagles View Wetlands—A Community Preserve." Restrictions were applied to the property to perpetually preserve it "as a wetland in its natural, scenic, and open-space condition; and, to maintain and enhance bio-diversity; to retain quality habitat for native plants and animals; and to maintain and enhance the natural features of the property." The only activity allowed on this land is the building of a boardwalk, so the frontage on Portage Lake is accessible for bird and nature observation. This restriction was recorded to ensure that these wetlands are protected as a filter of pollutants and as a habitat for fish, birds, and vegetation.

#12 Glen Park—West Side of Fourth Avenue above Main Street (M-22), Onkama.

- Natural resource area
- 12 acres+-
- None of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines for those with disabilities
- Remnant landscape—including a creek, springs, and wellhouses—recalling a significant part of the area's historical past; trails to observe flora and fauna
- Accessible from paved thoroughfare

Glen Park marks the site of the first bona fide resort in Manistee County. The area was developed in the 1880's because of the mineral springs that existed. Today, the mineral springs still run, with several of them originating under wellhouses that were reconstructed in 1976. The wooded parkland was donated to Onkama Township in 1961, although it had been used by the public for many years.

Unpaved trails with wooden footbridges run along and across spring-fed Glen Creek; a stairway connects the Springs and valley with unpaved trails along the wooded ridge in the upper areas of the Park and the parking lot. The Park is used by students of the Onkama School, who also have assisted in its maintenance, to observe wildlife and identify plants. Students in the Onkama Community Corps made repairs in the Park during 2000. The Township is responsible for maintaining this Park, even though it is within Village limits.

Glen Park is named for the Springs and Creek that are its central features. It is a natural area that has been set aside for the preservation of significant flora and fauna, and a landscape that recalls a significant part of the Town's historical past. The Park was listed in the Michigan State Register of Historic Sites in 2012. A Michigan State Historical Marker is at the lower entrance to the Park.

#13 Rotary Park—Northeast Corner of Main Street and First Avenue, Onkama.

- Mini-park
- 303 of an acre+-
- Most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines for those with disabilities
- Accessible from paved thoroughfare
- Recalling the area's historical past with Rotary's founder, enjoying open space with trees and flowers, picnicking

A bubbling stream runs at the eastern edge of this mini-park that has two historical markers telling of Rotary Founder Paul P. Harris, who summured for many years nearby. The markers are surrounded by ornamental plantings. Shade trees also have been planted in Rotary Park, which was dedicated in memory of Harris in

1991, when the Park was developed by the Manistee Rotary Club. This area, which provides open space, is marked as a park in the 1903 Standard Atlas of Manistee County, Michigan, George A. Ogle & Co., Chicago, in the plat of the West Addition to Onkama.

#14 Onkama Village Park—South Side of 4700-4800 Blocks of Main Street, Onkama.

- Community park
- 3.914 acres+-
- Some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- Accessible from paved thoroughfare
- Swimming beach, boating, picnicking, multi-purpose sports area, concerts, children's play area, enjoying open space with trees and flowers, and recalling the area's historical past

The Onkama Village Park, which was first developed in 1939 by WPA crews, is located on Portage Lake, and has facilities for parking forty cars and boat trailers. Parking also is available for thirty-two additional cars. There are a boat-launching ramp, a bathroom with indoor toilets and sinks that are handicap accessible, a swimming beach, a multi-purpose sports area, a children's play area, a picnic shelter, picnic tables, and grills. The Park is landscaped with many trees for shade. The Park also contains the historical marker, "The Portage Lake Region"; the Memorial Fountain, which is on the National Register of Historic Places; and the "Music" propeller. The Park is owned, operated, and maintained by the Village of Onkama.

In 2008, a jetty was completed adjacent to the existing Village Park boat launch. Although the Onkama Village Park is not large (approximately 3.914 acres), it is a community park, which serves Village and Township residents and seasonal residents as well as visitors to the area.

The Village of Onkama through the Manistee County Alliance for Economic Success in the spring of 2012 filed a grant application for \$105,300 from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund to provide resources for Phase I of the development of the Park. The match is \$52,600, making the total project cost \$157,900. The grant was awarded in December, 2012. The Park improvements are universally accessible and include installation of Peron steps, a barrier-free ramp to the beach, mobi mats to the beach, beach nourishment, and interpretative signage to foster watershed stewardship.



NOTE: Please make sure that you check with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) before you build docks, or do work in the water, on the beach or other water-related projects.

All may require one or more of the following applications: Inland Lakes and Streams and/or Great Lake Submerged Shorelands Permit.

To determine what applications you may need, contact the Onekama Township Zoning Administrator or Township staff at 5435 Main Street, Onekama, MI 49675

PLA Scholarship Report

- The Portage Lake Association is a group of volunteers dedicated to making the Portage Lake Area a great place in which to live, play and stay.
- We believe a strong school system is a cornerstone to any community
- We support Onekama through volunteer efforts at Onekama Consolidated Schools, and by assisting students with post high school education by providing scholarships to worthy students. Funds for these scholarships are raised at the Onekama Days Pig Out for Scholarships Pig Roast.
- We had excellent candidates for our 2016 scholarships and the selection process was a difficult one. However, based upon academic record and a focus on community service efforts, our committee did select three candidates for the PLA one time scholarships of \$1000 each. The awardees are:

• [Alyssan Clarke](#) • [Courtney Madsen](#) • [Emma Putney](#)

This is a community rain garden!

When rain and snowmelt flow off our yards, roofs, streets and parking lots, the resulting stormwater runoff washes pollutants and sediments into our lakes and streams.

Rain gardens are a beautiful way to protect our water resources by collecting and absorbing stormwater runoff.



A beautiful solution for water pollution



Rain gardens:

- Reduce pollution in our lakes and streams
- Help recharge groundwater
- Create native habitat that attracts butterflies, birds and other wildlife

Built on Saturday, May 28th 2016

Funding provided by: The Portage Lake Watershed Forever Fund, Portage Lake Garden Club Ruth Heringlake Memorial Fund, and Manistee County Community Foundation with support from the Oleson Foundation. Additional support from the Manistee Conservation District and the Manistee County Planning Department. Questions? Contact Kayla Knoll (231-889-9666) or Mary Reed (231-889-3781).

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

The annual Arbor Day Celebration was held this year at the Onekama Village Park on Saturday May 7th, 2016. The event began at 10 AM with a program by Josh Shields, Manistee Conservation District Forester who

discussed "Threats to our Trees". He answered many questions about invasives in our forests and informed us of ways we can prevent the spread of Oak Wilt. We planted several small flowering trees in pots that were distributed around the village.

Lots of information on the importance of trees to our watershed was distributed including information on how to identify and care for

your trees.

This annual event is sponsored by the Onekama Parks & Recreation Committee and the Portage Lake Watershed Forever.



Summary of the PORTAGE LAKE HARBOR COMMISSION Meeting on May 19, 2016

For Complete Minutes, check out www.onekama.info

4 acres of Phragmites and approx. 80 acres of Eurasian Milfoil were treated last year. The Corps of Engineers and the Coast Guard were contacted about the abandoned power cable on the North pier light. One person said that since we are in fresh water, the incident were someone was killed was in salt water, we don't have a problem.

The bathrooms are opened and the sand has been removed from the grass area in the Village Park. The Concerts in the Park begin the last of June and most of the events for Onekama Days will be held in the Park this year. The Village has concerns with boats coming too close to shore within the swimming area even though there are safety buoys present.....possible need to contact the marine patrol of the Sheriff's Department.

The Michigan Waterways Committee has appropriated \$455,000 for maintenance and up-keep of the states harbors. At this time it is not known how this money will be divided up.

An e-mail was sent to Stabenow's and Peterson's offices to report that there are 19 harbors in Michigan that have depths of 6 feet or less and need dredging. The cost is estimated at \$6.816 million. No response at this time. May said that he has heard that the State will provide up to \$100,000 for dredging but the harbors must provide matching funds to receive the money.

Mrozinski passed out a letter signed by Senators Stabenow and Peters to Governor Snyder, DNR Interim Directors Creagh and Moritz and Attorney General Schuette concerning the Enbridge Line 5 petroleum pipeline that runs under the Straits of Mackinac. They are concerned with the potential danger of a leak in the system.

On March 2nd (3) Harbor Commission members attended a Corp of Engineers "Stakeholders" meeting in Grand Haven which provided information on the current state of affairs regarding funding on dredging and infrastructure on the Great Lakes in 2016. We were told that while there will be a slight increase in general funding there will not be money set aside for Portage Lake at this time. Mrozinski said that Jeff Dontz, chairman of the Manistee County Board of Commissioners delivered a resolution of support to the Harbor Commission from the Little River Tribe urging the Corps of Engineers to repair the Portage Lake channel infrastructure. We very much appreciate this jester of support and will send a letter of thank you. Additionally, Mrozinski met with PLA members and Senator Booher in early May and again asked for his assistance with funding for the repair to our channel walls. Senator Booher said he continues to work on our behalf.

Next meeting is scheduled for July 21, 2016.

Portage Lake Watershed Forever

JUNE 2016

Invasive Species Update (It's *always* something...)

Yellow Iris (*Iris pseudacorus* L.)



The Yellow Iris (a.k.a. yellow flag iris, water flag, pale yellow iris, European yellow iris or, if you want to be technically correct, *iris pseudacorus* L.) was initially planted around the world as a showy garden plant and is still being sold commercially for use in garden pools. But, as so often happens, it escaped captivity and has become a real menace, forming dense colonies and thickets, displacing native species and threatening habitat for animals. It can survive a range of environmental conditions and can be found in wetlands, shorelines, rocky shores, ditches, stream banks, and areas of shallow water. Several clumps have been spotted along Portage Lake and our Lake Manager is working to identify the best approach to get rid of it.

If you have Yellow Iris on your property, you can remove seed pods, dig up small infestations, and try to take out the entire root system to control the spread. However, proceed with caution: the USDA Forest Service warns that all parts of the plant are poisonous.

Tree of Heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*)

You have probably seen this plant around and thought it was just a noxious weed - which it is. However, it is also a fast growing, deciduous, exotic tree that can reach a height of 80' which has been naturalized in most of the US. In many urban areas, it has acquired the nickname of "stink tree" and "tree of Hell" due, no doubt, to the flowers and leaves having an unpleasant odor, somewhat like rotten peanut butter. It's tough to eradicate as it spreads by root sprouts and seeds.



NOTE: Species that are not native and also have the potential to harm human health or to harm natural or agricultural resources can be listed as prohibited or restricted by the State of Michigan. **If a species is prohibited or restricted, it is unlawful to possess, introduce, import, sell or offer that species for sale as a live organism, except under certain circum-**

You are invited attend
**Portage Lake Watershed Forever 's
 9th Annual Fund Fundraiser**

**Saturday Evening
 July 23, 2016**

5:00 - 7:00 p.m. \$60/Per Person

Friends, Beverages, Hors d'oeuvres.

**Hosted by
 Ted & Pam Arens**

2110 Crescent Beach Road, Onekama

RSVP by July 20, 2012 to Mary Reed at 231-889-3781.



Swimmer's Itch Survey

The previous edition of the PLA newsletter included an article about Swimmer's Itch and how fortunate we have been to have had only a few reports of its presence in the lake. Nearby Chrystal Lake has not been so lucky and has been battling this scourge for some time with varying degrees of success. This summer Dr. Tom Raffel of Oakland University will be conducting a survey at about 20 Michigan lakes to try to determine what environmental factors contribute to its occurrence. Portage Lake Watershed Forever has agreed to participate. Ted Lawrence, PLWF Council member, is leading the charge and working the Village Beach; Tammy Messner will be sampling at Andy's Point. If you would like to join this scientific research study starting July 2 or , to report a case of swimmer's itch, contact Ted at tplawrence343@att.net.

Meanwhile, to keep Portage Lake less vulnerable to the parasite:

- Do not feed any waterfowl—especially Mergansers, Mallards, Seagulls, Wood Ducks, Canada Geese and Swans: all are potential carriers.
- Remove unused docks, diving platforms or other structures that may become waterfowl perches.
- Repel or scare off waterfowl from swimming areas, docks and other equipment throughout the year.

Itching to know more?

Swimmer's itch is a dull prickly sensation felt when leaving the water. Within 24 hours, small, reddened areas appear. Itching and burning tend to be worst in the mornings during the first four or five days after exposure. Sometimes confused with chiggers or poison ivy, a swimmer's itchy rash will not spread or form watery blisters.

It is caused by parasitic flatworms in a larval stage. The larva emerge from a particular kind of snail and search for a suitable host, often waterfowl but on occasion the little devils burrow into an unsuspecting swimmer's skin.

Further information about the study is on our website.

Black Locust (*Rovinia Pseudoacacia*)

This is another example of beauty only being skin deep. In the spring, black locusts are covered with 3" to 6" clumps of fragrant white flowers and make us imagine that something so beautiful must be no threat. Wrong. It grows rapidly in open areas with lots of sun, moves in, takes over the entire space, and drives everything else out. Further, seduced by its voluptuous flowers, pollinating bees tend to ignore native plants and leave them high and dry. Alas.



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2016 PLWF Council Officers: Chair, Mary Reed Vice Chair, Kathy Ervin Treasurer, Jim Simons Secretary, Bee Capper
 Members: Herb Lenon, Jamie Meister, Jim Mrozinski, Ted Lawrence, Susan Spencer, Al Taylor
 Council meetings are held the last Tuesday of the month at 7PM at the Farr Center in Onekama. All are welcome.
 More information: portagelakewatershed.com

Music and Memory Help For Family Caring For Someone In Their Home

When someone you love struggles with Alzheimer's, dementia, Parkinson's or another form of cognitive or physical impairment, it can be a tremendous challenge to communicate. Music and Memory is a program developed to download music onto an ipod shuffle (or other small music player) that is personalized for your family member to listen to with headphones.

The research has shown that our sense of hearing has a strong neuro pathway to recalling long term memories, to bringing someone out of a depression, or calming someone when anxious or agitated. It also helps those bed ridden to feel alive and connected again to life.

The documentary, "Alive Inside: A Story of Music and Memory", (2012) gives the full story of the development of the concept and its use in nursing homes, as well as with in-home care in order to delay (or even prevent) nursing home placement. The documentary can be rented from Netflix or purchased from Amazon. YouTube has a clip of one of the early patients that the program has helped- you can view it by going to youtube.com and search for: henry memory and music. Once you have a set of headphones and a music playing device with headphone input capability, you will want to ask the person some questions:

What music did you like when you were young or a teen?

What songs were played at your wedding; at high school proms or dances?

What were your favorite hymns or songs at church services you attended?

Did you have a favorite musical or Broadway tune?

Do you recall any of the records or tapes that you owned or listened to on the radio?

Who was your favorite: performer, composer, band, group, or orchestra?

Do you have a favorite classical composer or song?

Can you hum a favorite tune?

Load about 5- 10 songs onto the ipod/music device based upon the information you have obtained and adjust the headphones to the comfort level of the person. Then show them how to operate the device and get the volume right for them.

You will find over time that replaying the songs will enhance the person's responses.

In time you will also find what helps to calm, which songs help bring them out of a withdrawn state, and which are not helpful at all (delete these).

For more information and assistance, contact the
Memory and Music project at
[https://](https://musicandmemory.org/get-involved/for-elder-caregivers/)

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Onekama Lions Club

Who We are

The Onekama Lions Club will have its 50th anniversary in 2017. We are governed by a King Lion and an elected board. We are proud to have five Past District Lions Governors as club members. We welcome new members.

Meetings

2nd & 4th Mondays of each month, 6:49PM at the Lions Den at the Manistee County Fairgrounds on M22. Guests are welcome.

Our Projects

Onekama Lions Club supports a wide range of projects, locally, statewide and internationally. Typical of Lions Clubs, we focus on vision issues by running a KidsSight program that gives free eye screenings; assisting low-income area residents with vision needs; collecting used eyeglasses, and donating to Leader Dog and EverSight. Another focus is assisting local youth including Onekama School and Boy Scouts.

Money raised from the community through Lions food wagon, breakfasts, dinners, bingo and Onekama Days are used to fund community and Lions International projects.

Our Events

Next Breakfast is Sunday, July 3rd. All You Can Eat Breakfasts are held the First Sunday of every month, April to November. 8:00am - 12:30am. At the Lions Den at the Manistee County Fairgrounds on M22.

Bingo: Every Thursday night April - October. 6-10pm. Food & beverages available. At the Lions Den at the Manistee County Fairgrounds on M22

ONEKAMA DAYS: AUGUST 4th - 7th, 2016

Thursday, August 4: Fire Department Tours. Bingo

Friday, August 5: Pickleball Round Robin Tournament. M22 Road Rally Scavenger Hunt. Fire Department Tours. Craft Beer Tasting. Pig Out for Scholarship Pig Roast. Cousin Curtiss concert. Stock Car Races & Lightning Sprints. Fireworks.

Saturday, August 6: Donut Wagon, Pickleball Round Robin Tournament. All You Can Eat Breakfast. 5K Run & 1 Mile Fun Run. Tennis Tournament. Portage Lake Garden Club Trinkets & Treasure Sale. Congregational Church Bake Sale. Trinity Lutheran Farmers Market/Bake Sale/Craft Sale & Salad Luncheon. Paddle board Demo. Classic Car Show. Parks Appreciation Day. Sharks in the Park. Wiffleball Games. Arts & Crafts. Grilled Steak Dinner. Demolition Derby. Dance featuring Lou Thunder Band.

Sunday, August 7: All You Can Eat Breakfast. Arts & Crafts Show. Grand Parade. Post-parade concert with Belle Suite. Lions Raffle. Big Fish Contest Winners.

Contact us:

231-889-4141 Lions Den

General email: lionrudi@charter.net

<http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/onekamami/>

PO Box 321, Onekama MI 49675

Onekama Days: rozjaf@charter.net

Visit our new Facebook page!



Portage Lake Garden Club Enters 81st Consecutive Year

Like the Northern Michigan environs, the Portage Lake Garden Club (PLGC) moves from a dormant to active stage this time of year. Organized in 1935, the club remains faithful to its original purposes of improving the appearance of the Village of Onekama; cultivating a knowledge of trees, plants, and flowers; fostering true friendship among its members; and being stewards of the environment.

“We are very fortunate to live in a place of great natural beauty,” says Club President, Faye Backie, “but many of the natural habitat that contributes to this beauty — the lakes and streams, the shoreline, the trees, and plants — require knowledge and physical labor to maintain.”



And that’s where the PLGC’s 54 members come in. Working in volunteer shifts throughout the spring, summer, and early fall, the members plant, water, mulch, weed, and prune gardens and plantings throughout the Village of Onekama.



Focal points for their efforts include the Butterfly Garden and recently built Community Rain Garden both located behind the Farr Community Center; the Memorial Fountain plantings within the Village Park; plantings around the “Welcome to

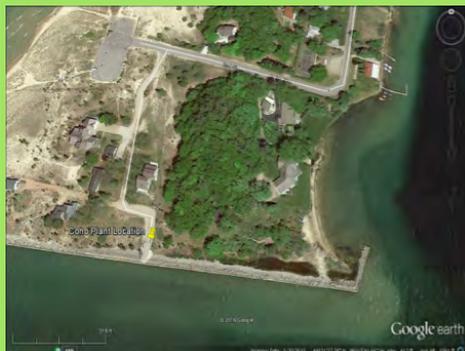
Onekama” signs on M-22; and the Annual Beach Cleanups at the Lake Michigan Beach and Lighthouse at Langland Park on Portage Point.

In addition to plenty of opportunities for hands-on gardening and conservation work, members have the pleasure of hearing from experts in the fields of horticulture, conservation, and garden design at the club’s bi-weekly meetings held on Thursday afternoons throughout the summer.

Whether you are currently an avid, novice, or want-to-be gardener, the Portage Lake Garden Club welcomes you to attend their meetings. For more information about the club, its activities and projects, please visit the PLGC website @ www.onekama.info/portagelakegardenclub.

Langland Park Explore The Shores Project

Construction has started at Langland Park Explore the Shores Project (aka the Point or the Turnaround). Work has begun on the north side with plans to get the boardwalk done before the 4th of July weekend. The vault unisex toilet and the north shelter should also be complete by the July 4th weekend. Work will shift to the Gazebo area and may continue through the summer depending on minimal disruption to our beach goers.



Contact Al Taylor at windsongmi@aol.com with questions or comments



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**MONDAY NIGHT CONCERTS
IN THE PARK**

The Portage Lake Association announces its Summer 2016 Monday Night Concerts in the Park. Concerts start at 7 PM in the Onekama Village Park and are free, although donations are welcomed and encouraged; watch for the PLA Bucketees © during the intermission, and give to them generously! The schedule is:

- JUNE 27 PICO AND CHOWN:** *Pop, light rock, show tunes & blues, masterfully done by Miriam Pico, whose vocalizations have delighted thousands, and David Chown, master of the keyboards.*
- JULY 4 CELEBRATING THE FOURTH JIM HAWLEY AND FRIENDS** *in a rousing observance of patriotic songs we all know and love.*
- JULY 11 THE ACCIDENTALS;** *Witty, haunting harmonies, and catchy melodies from a young group who is making a name for itself across the country.*
- JULY 18 SCOTTVILLE CLOWN BAND;** *Millions of smiles from the famous Clown Band*
- JULY 25 BENZIE PLAYBOYS;** *the best in Authentic Cajun Music to clap and dance to by*
- AUGUST 1 ANDRO** *the finest World Music blending traditional and original melodies with a Celtic twist.*
- AUGUST 8 CEYX;** *Rock & Roll from the '50s, through the '90s that you want to dance to...*
- AUGUST 15 PHOENIX RISING;** *a Tribute to the music of Dan Fogelberg, featuring Jim Hawley*

If the weather is threatening, the Rain Venue is the Onekama Community School Cafetorium. We will announce the decision with signs in the Village and it will be announced on Facebook by 5pm.

Bring lawn chairs, blankets, picnic baskets, family, friends, children, and prepare for a summer of delightful music on Monday evenings.

Visit our website: www.onekama.info ; and Facebook: 1,- Onekama, Michigan and Portage Lake Association, Onekama, MI



*Are You New to Onekama,
or, Do You Have a New Neighbor?*

The PLA has created a Welcome Committee to visit with newcomers to the Onekama to acquaint them with all that the area has to offer.

A gift bag of informational items will be provided to new residents or new members of the PLA if desired.

Please let Julie Lapinski know if you wish to be contacted, or if you have the name of someone new who could benefit from this welcome service.

Call Julie at: 269-832-2392 or email her at: maizetandem@aol.com

Please give your name, address and phone number or email address or that of the newcomer you are referring for this free service.



“81 Years and Growing”

**Portage Lake
Garden Club Gala**

August 20, 2016
6:30-9:30 p.m.
Douglas Valley

Gourmet Appetizers • Desserts
Wine Tasting
Music • Silent Auction
\$35 per Person

For ticket sales contact:
Susan 517.881.7222 or Shirley 727.637.4374

*Fundraiser Proceeds go to Community
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