



Portage Lake

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December 2011 is here and as I look back on the year I think of all the exciting things that the Portage Lake Association has done.

- Winter Fest in January was lots of fun with ice fishing , skating, golf on the ice, and many other activities.
- June brought our annual Fundraiser Dinner and Auction with the selection of Citizens of the Year, Marilyn Acker and David Meister. The Dinner and Auction provide most of the funds that allow the PLA to do their many projects.
- May and June are busy with preparation and planting of the Petunia Parade along Main Street (M-22). These flowers are the most beautiful in Manistee County.
- In May the PLA presented their first PLA Scholarships to two deserving Onekama graduates.
- We also financially supported Onekama Marine's Memorial Day Shake Down Fishing Contest .
- On Monday nights in July and August the Onekama Village Park is filled with great talent as "Concerts in the Park" take place with crowds of 200 to 300 folks.
- Onekama Days is the first full weekend in August and the PLA along with the Onekama Lions present "Fireworks" on Friday night.
- We also support the Big Fish Contest and Classic Car Show during Onekama Days.
- Also this year a Portage Lake Association "Float" for the Onekama Days Parade was re-done so we could participate in the parade along with the "watering tank" that we use to water our Petunias very early three mornings a week.
- On October 8th the Onekama Village Park was filled with Crafters, Vendors and Children's activities as the PLA gives back to the community with Fall Fun Fest. All of the children's activities (jumping house, balloon man, face painting, Rock' R bull train ride, pony rides and wagon rides) are free. The weather was perfect and a fun day was enjoyed by everyone.
- November 19, was Celebration of Lights craft show, chili cook-off at the Onekama Schools and Lighting of the Memorial Christmas Tree at the Farr Center. Caroling with the Church of the Brethren choir and refreshments followed.
- Along with the lighting of the Memorial Tree the Christmas Decorations along Main Street were lit which are also provided by the Portage Lake Association.

Margaret PUNCHES, PLA, President

Also this year the www.onekama.info website was redesigned along with two Facebook pages, 1, and **Portage Lake Association**. We want this to be a source of information for the community. The Village of Onekama, the Township of Onekama, and The Portage Lake Watershed Forever are major partners in our website. A Calendar, lists of business, recreation facilities, history of the area and much more can be found on the website.

As I list and think about all these activities that the PLA does I realize how important this organization is to the community of Onekama. I am sure there are many people that are not aware of the amount of volunteer hours that are devoted by this organization. Now, all of these hours are not just work because we have a lot of fun and are all good friends. We are always looking for people to get more involved in our organization, to be on the Board of Directors, work on a special project or to be involved in many other ways. Membership dues are \$25 per year and can be sent to: Portage Lake Association P.O. Box 493, Onekama, Mi 49675

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