



Portage Lake Association, P.O. Box 493 Onekama, Mi 49675

Portage Lake Association President's Letter for March 2012

Spring is around the corner, and summer is soon to be upon us. The Portage Lake Association continues to work and prepare for upcoming events. **June 23, 2012**, is the date of our 16th Annual Fund Raiser Dinner and Auction. The theme is "***Our America the Beautiful***". Mark the date and plan to attend for a fun-filled evening. Our summer Concert in the Park series is just about set. The concerts start on July 2nd and run to August 20th. Come see a wide variety of music with bands that are old favorites and some first timers to Onekama. We also plan to have a community event on September 15th to replace the Summer's End dance. Details on the summer's events will be on the PLA web site as they are available.

Our new and revised website (www.onekama.info) has been up and running for almost a year. We plan to update the business sections in the website so they are easier to use, and we will have a fishing report section sometime in late March. We have also added 2 Facebook pages - **1, Onekama Michigan** and the **Portage Lake Association**, so be sure to check them all out. We plan to use all three for PLA and community event information and promotion. If you have questions, events or suggestions be sure to contact us.

Citizen of the Year: It's the time of the year for us to honor individuals or groups for their contributions to the goals of the PLA (*improving the quality of life in the Onekama area*) and our community. We wish to recognize the hard work and effort of individuals or groups that make the Portage Lake area a great place to live.

CRITERIA:

- Significant role in community improvements
- Be of good moral character and integrity
- May be female or male, young or old
- Positive influence on the community
- Does not have to be member of PLA
- Should live or work in the area

HOW SELECTED:

- PLA members or community members nominate people or organizations for consideration. The nominations must include the reasons for the nomination. **Please reply by March 23, 2012 and use the enclosed form for submittals. Instructions for return are on the form.**

VOTING:

- The nominations will be included in the April President's letter as a ballot so that PLA members can vote. These ballots should be sent to the President by **April 20th, 2012**. They will be counted, and kept secret until the Citizen of the Year presentation at the PLA Fundraiser Dinner and Auction on **June 23, 2012**.

Annual Membership for PLA: It is time to renew or start your annual membership to the PLA. Family membership is \$25 annually. Your dues support our newsletters and activities during the year.

A form for membership and for Citizen of the Year nomination are enclosed with this letter