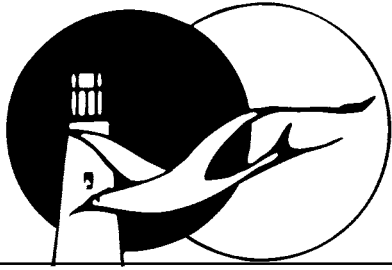


PRESQUE ISLE HARBOR ASSOCIATION



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PRESQUE ISLE HARBOR ASSOCIATION GOES BANKRUPT

That's a scary headline RIGHT? You may think that couldn't happen to us, but, the financial shape we are in right now because of a corporate entity, it could happen. That corporate entity has now filed for bankruptcy. They now owe us over \$45,000.00 and next year it will be over \$63,000.00. Everything is on hold until the bankruptcy hearing has been ruled on, and even then we won't realize any money until the court decides what will be done with the lots. If the lots go back to the county for back taxes it will be at least 3 years until they can be auctioned off. We really don't know if all of them will be sold through the Bankruptcy Court, or, when we can hope that those lots will be put in the hands of dues paying members. Some of the things we normally do, we can't do right now. We still have to do the required maintenance on the pool and hot tub at least once a year. Capital items will have to be put on hold. We can't afford to pay extra principal payments on the addition mortgage as we have in

the past, which means more interest and a longer term. Removing \$60,000 out of our budget is really hurting our Association. For now we can still keep the doors open and give the service that you expect. But its very tight.

What can we do to prevent this from happening again? There is only one solution. We must change our Restrictive Covenants. We have to put in some language about ownership, foreclosure of liens, and members.

The Board of Directors and Steve Lang, our Executive Director, have developed language that you received in your packet today. Please take the time to review the proposed changes to the Restrictive Covenant and return your proxy.

Another situation that we mentioned in the Fall newsletter was about the road assessment and the overpayment that the members of the Association were due to be paid back. The Presque Isle Township Board has agreed to meet with Steve and myself to come up with a plan to repay the Association members the over payment of their road assessment tax. This plan should take place after July 1, 2009.

We know it was up-setting to some of you to have the pool and spa closed for all of February and the 1st week of March, but the pool deck required maintenance; so we apologize for the inconvenience, but it couldn't be helped. One half of the deck flooring was replaced with tile and the remainder of the deck will be re-surfaced in February of 2010.

Its been a long winter up here and I know all of you are ready for a nice warm summer. The campground is ready and we have new hosts. They aren't really new to most of you as I'm sure you remember Jim and Chris Davis. Rod and Georgeann felt it was time to move on, and Jim and Chris found out about the opening and applied for the job. We are fortunate to have them back. So we say goodbye to the Haught's and welcome back to the Davis's.

Please visit our new web-site as it has been re-configured. Although not finished, much more information is available, up-dated more frequently and easier to move through the site. It has a world of information for all of our members and anyone else that might want to find out about The Presque Isle Harbor Association. If you haven't already done so you can locate it by going to www.presqueisleharbor.org. You will be pleasantly surprised.

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Thanks again to the rest of the board members, the committee's and the other volunteers that work so hard for PIHA. They keep us going. Also to Steve Lang and the rest of the staff. All of you are the reason, as I've said before, that we are the envy of every other property owners association in northern Michigan.

See you all at the annual meeting on June 27, 2009.

Gene Austin
President

The board would like to recognize Steve Lang for his 30 years of outstanding service to The Presque Isle Harbor Association. Steve started as executive director of our association on March 1, 1979. In the years since Steve started, many good things have happened to our association that wouldn't have happened had Steve not been here. He has been much more than just an executive director. He has been our leader and friend. He has kept us going when things have gotten tough and gave us the right advice on how to operate and keep everything on an even keel. I can't give enough credit to Steve for the job he has done for us these past 30 years. So thanks again Steve, we wouldn't be where we are today without you.

REPORT FROM STEVE LANG

Gene Austin, President of the Presque Isle Harbor Association Board of Directors paints a pretty bleak picture. Could it happen? In an extreme sense, yes. Has the effect of an owner who owns 100+ lots and not paying their assessments like every other member had a serious effect on the Association finances? Yes. Will we recover from this financial crisis? Yes, but it will take several years to get back to the healthy financial position that the Association has enjoyed for many, many years. The Association has been forced to take steps that will reduce expenditures and mortgage principal reduction payments. We have trimmed new playground equipment and several new pieces of exercise equipment out of the budget along with several repair and maintenance items.

How can the Association protect itself from this happening again? There is no simple

answer and there is no fool proof solution, but, the membership can change the way we operate through changes in its Restrictive Covenants, By-Laws and Rules.

Enclosed in your newsletter/voting packet is a series of requested Restrictive Covenant change requests. The Board of Directors feels that this will go a long way toward preventing another 100+ lot owner from failing to pay their obligations as every other owner must. These changes would redefine membership; make an individual personally responsible for a corporation; put more teeth in our lien foreclosure process; and restrict some of the ways by which the Association may mortgage properties.

The Board of Directors doesn't offer these changes up lightly. Many hours of debate have been brought to arrive at the presentation before you. These changes are necessary and will move the Association into the future without having to look over our shoulders.

Please sign and date the enclosed proxy and by-law change and be sure to vote for Board of Director candidates. Return your material in the enclosed envelope.

Stephen R. Lang, Executive Director

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

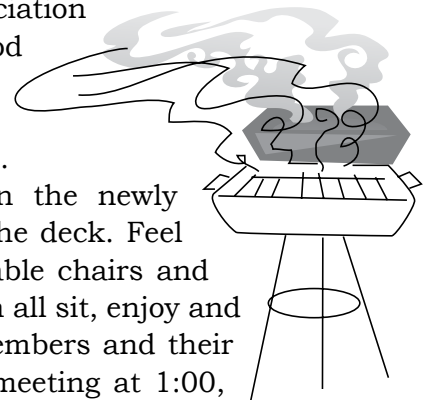
Pre-Annual Meeting Cookout

This year at 11:30 AM on the day of the Association Annual meeting, June 27, 2009 we will be cooking hot dogs to begin a new tradition, a pre-meeting cookout. The association

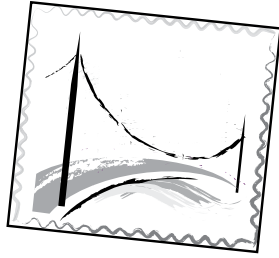
will furnish the food and lemonade. If you wish, you may bring your own beverage.

We will be eating on the newly cemented patio and the deck. Feel free to bring comfortable chairs and your family so you can all sit, enjoy and talk to your fellow members and their families. During the meeting at 1:00, there will be activities for the children.

After the meeting, join us for ice-cream sundaes or cones and talk more. Hope to see you there. It should be fun for all



Bridgewalk 2009



This year again the activities committee will be hiring a bus to take us to Mackinaw City for the Labor Day Bridgewalk. If you haven't done the Bridgewalk before, it is a great experience. For the past three years we have had beautiful weather and a great time. We depart from the clubhouse early (you can sleep on the bus). We will be in Mackinaw City until about 11:45 and then depart to Cheboygan for lunch. We usually get back by 1:30 or 2:00. This year we will be selling tickets for the bus ride and lunch. The cost will be around \$25.00 or \$26.00, depending on the costs we get from the restaurant and Coastal Charter for the bus. This information will be available at the clubhouse by the time of the annual meeting.

*When You Wish
Upon A Star*

*...an evening with your favorite
cartoon characters and fantasies....*

Join us for our annual Dinner Dance on July 18, 2009 in the Activities hall.

Our buffet, created by Angie's Catering, will include: Summer Salad, Chicken, Pork Loin with Stuffing, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Snow Peas with Crushed Red Peppers and Bacon Bits, home-made white and whole wheat rolls and a Lemon Fluff Lady Finger Dessert.



There will be games, prizes and other surprises. Cocktail hour begins at 5:00 PM, Dinner at 6:15 PM and Dancing and entertainment from 7:00 to 11:00 PM.

Tickets at \$21.00 per person are available now. You can call Teri Morris at (989-595-6500) or Marilyn Kettler at (989-595-6362). You can also purchase them by mail, using the following form. We will confirm your reservation by phone and have your tickets at the door. Mail your form along with your check (made payable to PIHA activities committee) to:

PIHA Att: Activities Comm.

P.O. Box 60

Presque Isle, MI 49777


Name _____
of tickets _____
Amount of check \$ _____


Beach, Pool, and Clubhouse Committee

Just wanted to let you know if you missed the St. Antlers Tea Party in November you missed a good time. It was attended by around 30 ladies and they were treated to a variety of teas, sandwiches, and desserts. After everyone had their fill. We had everyone introduce themselves and tell a little about where they were from and who they were. We are hoping to do this again this year so watch the Fall Newsletter for information.

We regret that the Mardi Gras dinner never materialized but if there is any interest in doing it next year please let us know. We couldn't agree on what to serve so we would want some help in deciding how to do it and what to charge.

We did have the Easter Egg hunt again this year and I believe we had about 27 hunters show up. It was such a nice day that we hid the eggs outside around the clubhouse. It appeared everyone in attendance had a good time and several hunters went home with some prizes besides the great candy. We want to thank all the parents who brought their children and the people who helped stuff, hide and donate items for the egg hunt. We will definitely try to make this an annual event so please let us know if you can help.

We are planning fund-raisers this year again so

we can help purchase the playground equipment which appears may cost about \$10,000. This is a large amount of money and we may need to get some extra donations to help with this goal. Anyone with any ideas please call Joan Beres (595-3588) or Kathy Vidoni-Phipps (255-9637).

Presque Isle Women's Club

The Mission of the Presque Isle Women's Club is to enhance the quality of life in our community by sharing our time, talents, efforts, and resources.

All women are invited to attend the Women's Club Meetings which are held the third Tuesday of every other month beginning with January. The meetings are held at the Presque Isle Harbor Association Clubhouse and the time is 12:30 PM.

In December the women sponsored the Olde Fashioned Christmas at the 1905 House. This was a spectacular event for our entire community. In January the ladies were able to escape from the winter to the Mediterranean (notably Greece) with a narrated tour by Russ Wilson. On St. Patrick's Day the gals spent their day with dance instructor, Vicki VanWagnen from her Reflections Dance Studio where wearing green and trying the Irish jig were the order of the day. The May meeting will be held on May 19, 2009 at the Fireside. The ladies will have a luncheon and master gardener, Diane Dodt will be the featured speaker. She will share ideas, tips, and samples.

Future meetings and topics include: home and garden tour, bake sale at the Presque Isle Arts and Crafts Fair, Watershed Project presentation, our history through music, and fitness and nutrition. The Women's Club covers a variety of topics and is hopeful that members and guests will enjoy, learn from, and support the meetings with their presence.

Please mark your calendar for the following dates: May 19, July 21, September 15, and November 17. The ladies would really like for you to join them. If you have questions, please contact, Nancy Brown, Program Chair (595-6861) or Sharon Ulrich, President (595-2427). We hope to see you at the next meeting!

Presque Isle District Library

Presque Isle District Library has a busy year ahead for the Grand Lake Location. As most of you know, we have expanded our hours on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 AM to 4 PM. We have a fantastic Summer Reading Program planned that will be held in our brand new conference room. This year's theme is Be Creative @ Your Library. Music and the Arts will be the main feature so be sure to call Don Dimick at (737-2477) for more information or stop in at the Grand Lake location and let Liz know you are interested.

This year's feature program for Grand Lake area will be a captivating world-class puppetry performance of classic fairy tales and an original character show! Hand-crafted puppets, lavish scene changes, and special effects make this presentation a magical interactive experience for all ages. This program will be held in the Banner Room of the Grand Lake Branch on Friday, July 10th at 11:00 AM.

More landscaping is expected to begin soon and we are trying to get some volunteers together to help clear out the underbrush on the highway side of the Library. If you are interested, be sure to let Liz at the Grand Lake Branch know. We will wait for a little warmer weather but expect that to be organized soon.

Our new building seems to be attracting a lot of new patrons. Circulation and usage of the library has more than doubled over the past year and we expect even greater things in the future. For a list of upcoming programs, check at your local branch or go online to www.pidl.org. Jan Stevenson, Director PIDL.

FRIENDS OF THE GRAND LAKE LIBRARY

Spring is here and with spring comes the annual geranium sale.

Flyers have been posted in the community. The sale will be held May 22nd and 23rd at Garraty Hall.

The December quarterly meeting was well attended. The business meeting was followed by a cookie exchange. The entertainment was

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provided by Gene Austin. The April quarterly meeting was held on April 13th at 1:00 PM in the Banner Conference Room. The June annual meeting is June 8th.

Several new materials have been added to the Grand Lake Library; a tax form round-about display, shelving for the Michigan Collection and a new Card Catalog computer. Check out the Michigan Collection, it is extensive and very interesting. New material soon to be added: a newspaper display, circulation desk extension and a second circulation desk computer. Due to the increased patronage, library hours have been extended: Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Tuesday and Thursday hours remain the same.

The Craft Club meets the first Friday of the month at 10:15 AM, contact Judy Kimball. Book Chat meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 2:00 PM, contact Barb Mosier

MAINTENANCE TEAM

Well it's time to hit the trail's again! Volunteer trail maintenance team will start May 14th at 9:00 AM at the Clubhouse, so come and join us. We work every Thursday from 9 to 12 noon. Join us with a cup of coffee and a donut before we start. For more information call Morley Kellogg (595-2674) or Pete Hunkele (595-5086).

Presque Isle Township Museum Society

Of interest is that more than 5000 visitors from 41 states and 10 foreign countries visited our parks in 2008. The last official event of the season was held at the New Lighthouse Park in December. The "Olde' Fashioned Christmas", sponsored by the Presque Isle Community Woman's Club, was a huge success enjoyed by many. Over the winter, Jim Conley and his helpers worked diligently restoring a wood-burning cook stove formerly in the Doyle house. You'll want to check it out; it's sitting in the ante room of the 1870 Keeper's Dwelling. They've also rebuilt the stocks and pillory situated at the Old Lighthouse Park. You'll note they are now "user" friendly for children!

After the long, cold, snowy winter, a sure sign of spring was the April 15th Board Meeting of The Presque Isle Township Museum Society.

This season officially kicks off May 16th with the Volunteer Recognition and Docent Training Luncheon slated to begin in Garraty Hall at 12 noon. Speaking of docents, contact Nancy Boerger (595-3600) to learn more about this wonderful volunteering opportunity in our community. Both parks will open Memorial Day weekend and close after the October Lighthouse Festival.

Visiting hours at the 1905 House are Tuesday - Saturday from 11:00 AM through 5:00 PM, and Sunday 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM. We hope you join us at the Independence Day Picnic scheduled for July 4th (the parade begins at 10:30 AM), and the Labor Day picnic planned for September 5th.

Regrettably, it looks like time has run out on the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act (NHLPA) of 2000 for getting the Third Order Fresnell lens re-installed to the New Lighthouse tower. However this past March 26 Senator Carl Levin, along with Senators Snow, Stabenow, Collins and Schumer introduced the National Lighthouse Act of 2009 in the US Senate; it has been assigned Senate Bill number s715. According to Terry Pepper, Executive Director of the Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association, "This Act serves as a compliment to NHLPA 2000, and proposes the establishment of a pilot program that would enable state and nonprofit groups to apply for competitive grants to help with the restoration and maintenance efforts. This pilot program would authorize the secretary to distribute \$20 million a year for three years." We urge you to get involved by contacting our legislators and verbalizing your support for the passage of this bill.

In closing, if you haven't done so we're inviting you to visit our Web-site at www.keepershouse.org; it's awesome. Lastly, if you are not a member of the Museum Society and desire more information contact President John Gledhill (595-6891) or Secretary Linda Kaufman (595-2597). Have a great summer and see you at the parks!!

PRESQUE ISLE MEN'S CLUB

Many of you are probably already members, or have been part of the PICMC, if so, glad to have you on board. If you are not a member, we invite you to come and see what we are all about. We meet on the first Thursday of each month, and try to have a speaker at each meeting to bring a

topic of interest to everyone in this area. We meet at 9 AM in the club house on Kauffman Road. Coffee and donuts are served at each meeting.

So, what are we about? We raise money through the sale of ads in the phone book we publish for the Grand Lake and Long Lake area, basically the community in which we live. All of the money raised goes to support worthy causes in this area. In addition to this, we offer our time and talent to support other activities in our community, and have adopted the cemetery as a special project, to see that it is kept clean and serene for those who come to visit the graves of their departed loved ones. We are men of good will, promoting virtue through living lives for the good of all mankind, and especially within the community in which we live. Living within the development is NOT a requirement, only that you are a man, and desire fellowship and service to others.

Come and give us a try. We need you, your support, and invite you to enjoy our fellowship. There are some great plans being formulated for our Township and we invite you to be an integral part of it. Hope to see you soon. Jerry Broad, President PICMC

Annual Hobo Dinner

The Presque Isle Harbor Association Annual Hobo Dinner will be held on Saturday, September 19th, 2009 at the Camper's Pavilion. Arrive early to play games, cards, socialize or just relax and enjoy the season. Don't forget to bring the kids, we will have a scavenger hunt for them. Dinner is served at 5:00 PM. Brats, sweet corn on the cob, sauerkraut, baked beans, and many desserts. Coffee is provided or feel free to bring your beverage of choice. Dress in your best hobo clothes so you too can have a chance to win a prize or the famous boot. Door prizes and 50/50 drawing after dinner. Hope to see you there! Adults \$7.50 and children under twelve \$3.50. If you would like to volunteer to work the dinner, call Sherri at (595-5089) or email sherrilzeitler@yahoo.com.



Presque Isle County Council on Aging

Presque Isle Council on Aging continues to serve meals at the PIHA Clubhouse once a month. The clubhouse and the Grand Lake Chapel have sign up sheets where you need to have your name and age listed by the Thursday before the Sunday luncheon. The meals are nutritious and they have a raffle for prizes they bring along. Everyone has a great time. Call the clubhouse or Chapel for dates, or contact Barb Nagi at (766-8191) for more information.

PIHA Reminder

Please check out our web-site at www.presqueisleharbor.org a great place to see what events are planned in the coming months. This newsletter and other items of interest are also available.

PIHA Activities Calendar Spring-Summer 2009

- June 7 Senior Dinner 1:00 Activities Hall**
- June 18 Potluck**
- June 27 Cookout before annual meeting
11:30 Clubhouse decks (new activity)**
- July 16 Potluck**
- July 18 Dinner Dance 5:00 pm Activities Hall**
- August 9 Senior Dinner 1:00 Activities Hall**
- August 20 Potluck**
- September 7 Labor Day Mackinac Bridge Walk
Bus to Bridge walk and lunch
in Cheyboygan**
- September 19 Hobo Dinner - Campers' Pavilion**
- September 20 Senior Dinner 1:00 Activities Hall**
- October Children's Halloween Party
Clubhouse, Activities Hall**
- December Christmas Party - Activities Hall**

If you are interested in helping with any of these activities or have suggestions for additional activities, call Marilyn Kettler at 595-6362. All workers are welcome!
Check out the events Calendar online at www.presqueisleharbor.org