

# Ponderosa ANCHOR

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January/February 2010

## PROPERTY OWNER ALERT

Sometime during the first ten days of February, four homes at Lake Ponderosa have been burglarized. They have been stealing televisions, other electronic equipment, and jewelry. As best as we can tell all the break-ins have been homes that are unoccupied during the winter.

In recent months, 24 homes at Holiday Lake have been burglarized. It appears they have now decided to move to Lake Ponderosa.

LET'S NIP THIS IN THE BUD RIGHT NOW! As I have mentioned in one of my earlier letters, we all share the privilege of owning property here at Lake Ponderosa. We must all watch out for each other, or we will all suffer. Let's all keep an eye out for our neighbors' properties as well as our own.

Here are some recommendations from the Poweshiek County Sheriff's office:

- ✓ Clean parking areas and clear snow from walkways
- ✓ Have security lights with timers in different rooms set to go on and off at different times of the night
- ✓ Have someone check your home when gone for anything that looks out of place
- ✓ Contact the sheriff's office as soon as possible to report any discovered break-ins. 641-623-5679. Do not go into residence or touch anything.
- ✓ Property owners are encouraged to purchase approved 911 emergency address signs to place next to their driveways (cost is \$23.00)



Once again, let's let these people know that we will not tolerate this at Lake Ponderosa. Keep an eye out for your neighbors' property, and immediately report any suspicious activity or vehicles in your neighborhood. Get license plate numbers if possible, but do not intercede. Your safety is foremost.

Dave Arendt

LPA President



Photo taken on Tuesday, January 26th at about 8:00 A.M. on the causeway, facing southeast.

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**LAKE PONDEROSA CALENDAR**

March 1, 2010	Noon	LPA Potluck Dinner at Association Building
March 6, 2010	8:15 AM	Breakfast at the Hometown Café
March 9, 2010	7:00 PM	Monthly Unit Leaders Meeting
March 10, 2010	7:00 PM	Monthly LPA Board Meeting
April 3, 2010	8:15 AM	Breakfast at the Hometown Café
April 5, 2010	Noon	LPA Potluck Dinner at Association Building
April 13, 2010	7:00 PM	Monthly Unit Leaders Meeting
April 14, 2010	7:00 PM	Monthly LPA Board Meeting

**LPA PROJECTS UPDATE AS OF FEBRUARY 2010**

2010 WALLEYE STOCKING	\$ 72.00	GOAL: Use available funds
2010 FISHING DERBY	\$ 690.30	GOAL: Use available funds
2010 FIREWORKS DISPAY	\$1,057.89	GOAL: \$14,000

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I guess after watching all the news about the misery and devastation caused by the earthquake in Haiti, our problems seem rather minor in scope, but they are closer to home and maybe we can do something about some of them.

By now you should have received your annual association membership renewal forms. If you have been a member, I look forward to your renewal. If you have not been a member, I hope you will seriously consider joining the Association.

All of us own property at the lake for the purpose of adding some enjoyment to our lives. We all have that in common. We also have a common interest in that we want our properties to at least maintain, and hopefully increase their value. Many things that need to be done at the lake can not be done by us individually. Only through a united effort can we address some of these issues.

As you consider your membership forms, I hope you will also consider supporting the many good programs sponsored by the association, whether it be fish stocking, the Kids Fishing Derby, or the annual fireworks display. All of these programs enhance the enjoyment we receive by being "lake people".

In the most recent issue of The Anchor, my letter addressed the need to start discussions on what needs to be done with the roads here at Lake Ponderosa. This has been an issue for some time and has grown increasingly critical the last couple years. We have already received numerous responses, and for that, I say thank you. This will not be a quick fix. This will take time, effort, and thoughtful deliberations. Again, it is the Association and its members who are best situated to work on this effort. We want your input and your involvement. Please let us hear from you, and please join the Association if you haven't already.

To quote Benjamin Franklin's statement at the signing of the Declaration of Independence on August 2, 1776, "We must all hang together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately".

Let's all join together in a spirit of unity and common interest to make Lake Ponderosa the best lake it can be, and make 2010 one of the best ever here at the lake.

David Arendt

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In 2008, we began dredging at the north end of the East Lake in April and worked for approximately twenty weeks, until early September. The money charged for dredging annually is for a 12-week time period, so this put us ahead of schedule for the next year.

In 2009, we worked in the East Lake area, mostly in Units 15 and 16. We began dredging in April and continued for approximately ten weeks, ending in late June. Since purchasing a new dredge we have been able to get the work done a lot faster, at almost twice the speed. The old dredge pumped approximately 1500 gallons per minute; the new one pumps approximately 3000 gallons per minute.

Our crew usually works fifty to sixty hours per week. The time spent dredging is split between building silt dams to hold the mud that is pumped out of the lake, maintenance on the dredge and the pipeline itself, and actual pumping time. Barbie usually notifies the lot owners that are affected by the location of the dredge, and we try to work with lot owners to help us with our anchoring system to avoid any damage to lake lots.

At this time, we do not have the location of where dredging will be done this spring. Once the ice melts in March we should have a better idea by then.

Barbie will begin documenting the dredging this year with photos of the location at the time the dredge is put into the lake, and will follow up with a report once a month until the dredging is completed. This report and photos will be posted on [www.lakeponderosa.org](http://www.lakeponderosa.org).

Respectfully Submitted,

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**LAKE PONDEROSA ASSOCIATION NOVEMBER MINUTE HIGHLIGHTS**

**MINUTES:** Bryce motioned that the October minutes be approved and Dennis seconded the motion with the correction that 2,666 walleyes were released in mid October. All were in favor.

**ON GOING BUSINESS UPDATES:**

**LPA AND UNIT LEADERS ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** The Unit Leaders will not meet again until March or April 2010.

**OLD BUSINESS UPDATES:**

**TORNADO SIREN:** Carter checked into having the battery removed for the winter. Denny Lowry advised not to and stated that as long as it remains charged, it will not freeze.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**FIREWORKS:** The board recommended having the fireworks display on Saturday, July 3rd with the rain date of Sunday, July 4th. After we confirm this with the boosters, Laura will contact Midnight Rainbows to reserve the date. \$14,000 is the goal again for next year to maintain the same awesome display our membership is accustomed to.

**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE FOR 2010:** The membership letter and donation form was presented and approved for the 2010 membership drive. A couple of dates need to be confirmed prior to printing.

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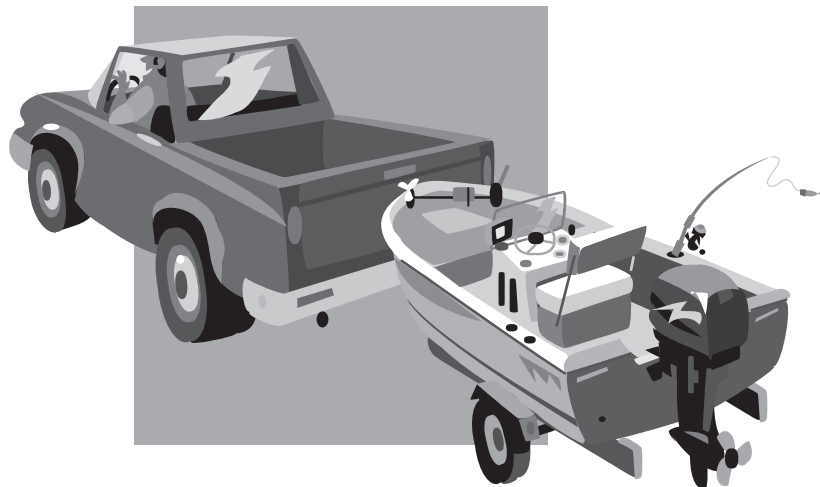


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DATE	TIME	EVENT	CONTACT PERSON
May 8, 2010	8:00 AM	Clean Up Day	Barbie Ahrens
May 15, 2010	8:00 AM	Rain Date for Clean Up Day	Barbie Ahrens
May 22, 2010	7:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Pancake Breakfast	TBA
May 22, 2010	8:00 AM - ?	Annual Garage Sale	Unit Leaders
May 23, 2010	TBA	Hospitality Tent	Unit Leaders
June 13, 2010	10:00 AM	Annual Meeting	Open to public
June 19, 2010	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Fishing Derby	Harry Meek
July 3, 2010	10:00 PM	Fireworks	Association
No Event 2010	TBA	Tour of Homes	TBA
August 2010	TBA	Ice Cream Social	Unit Leaders



### LAKE PONDEROSA ASSOCIATION JANUARY MINUTE HIGHLIGHTS

**ON GOING BUSINESS UPDATES:**

**LPA AND UNIT LEADERS ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** The Unit Leaders will not meet again until March or April 2010. We would once again like to thank them for the great job that they do.

**OLD BUSINESS UPDATES:**

**TORNADO SIREN:** No report.

**HANDICAP PARKING SIGNS:** Are in the garage and ready for use.

**CIGARETTE BUTT RECEPTACLE:** No report – Laura will contact Deb Wolfe for update.

**WEB UPDATE:** Currently no new changes have been made. Laura will contact Deb Wolfe and ask her to continue with her ideas.

**ANCHOR:** Tom Carstensen: Articles for the January/February issue are due January 22nd. Carter motioned that we present a gift certificate for one night stay and admission for four to the Wasserbahn Water park for all the hard work that Tom and his wife JoAnn do to process the Anchor.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**FIREWORKS:** Confirmation has been obtained that Midnight Rainbows will do our awesome display again this year on Saturday, July 3rd with rain date of Sunday the 4th. A letter will go out to the businesses the first of April to solicit for funds that will go towards the fireworks which helped us make our goal last year.

**FISHING DERBY:** The date for the Fishing Derby will be Fathers Day weekend which is June 19th. Harry Meek has agreed to head this up again this year.

**MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND EVENTS:** Phyllis will speak with the Unit Leaders to see if they had made a decision on which events will take place and if anything will be moved to another weekend this year.

**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE FOR 2010:** The membership letter and donation form was presented and approved for the 2010 membership drive. We will add a box to check if lot owners would rather have the Anchor e-mailed to them vs. a hard copy. Advertising fees for the Anchor will remain the same as last year.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**FLAG:** The light has been repaired but now a new flag is required. Carter motioned that we approve the \$35.00 to have Dan Bru get us a new flag and Tom seconded the motion.

**SECURITY LIGHT:** The light outside of the building is flickering. Dennis will contact Mid-American energy to have it fixed.

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**ROAD DISCUSSIONS:** An e-mail address has been set up for comments from lot owners as to their response to Dave Arendt's Presidents letter in the Anchor regarding the roads. We would like to hear suggestions, wants and needs so we can get a feel for which direction to go when speaking with the Ahrens family. Many things will need to be taken into consideration such as culverts, waterlines, speed issues and young children driving golf carts.

**OPEN FORUM FOR NON-BOARD MEMBERS:** Phyllis reported concerns on the increased fees for garbage pickup. The fee increased 18% from \$17.00 to \$19.00 and will be going up again. She has been told that this is due to increased cost at the landfill but inquired if the board could express concern for the lot owners as a group. The board advised that this is a private matter and intervention was not our place. Phyllis also asked that the board request a dredging report from John Ahrens as to the location and hours worked last year. Any information would be helpful to help understand the fee we are accessed every year. Dave offered to speak with John.

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### MUFFLERS AND NOISE LEVEL

Any boat operated on the waters of Iowa must be muffled to effectively reduce vessel noise. An effective muffling system is required for the exhaust of each internal combustion engine and the use of cut-outs is prohibited.

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Iowa requires supervision and education certification for the following boat operators:

- Boaters under the age of 12 may operate a vessel with a motor greater than 10 hp (including PWCs) provided they are accompanied by a responsible person at least 18 years of age and experienced with operating the vessel.
- Boaters 12 years of age and older, but younger than 18, may operate a vessel with a motor greater than 10 hp (including PWCs) provided:
  - \* they have successfully completed a boating safety education course approved by the IA DNR, or
  - \* they are accompanied on board by a person at least 18 years old and experienced with operating the vessel.
- Boat operators required to have completed a boating safety course must carry their National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) approved boating safety certificate with them at all times while operating a vessel propelled by a motor of more than ten horsepower.
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- Every person on board a personal watercraft (PWC) must wear a Coast Guard approved Type I, II, III or V PFD. Inflatable PFDs are not approved for this use.
- Each person being towed behind a vessel on water skis or similar device must wear a Coast Guard approved Type I, II, III or V PFD. Inflatable PFDs are not approved for this use.

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- Operating a boat while intoxicated.
- Operating a boat within an area clearly marked as restricted.
- Failing to maintain a proper speed or distance while operating a vessel.
- Operating a vessel in such a way that will unnecessarily interfere with the safe navigation of other vessels on the waterway.
- Operating a vessel beyond the recommended safe carrying capacity of passengers or cargo or to equip a boat in excess of its safe power as stated on the capacity plate and vessel registration.
- Leaving a vessel unattended anchored away from the shore unless it is attached to a legal mooring buoy.
- Leaving a vessel unattended tied or moored to a dock immediately adjacent to a public boat launching ramp or to a dock that is posted for loading or unloading.

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