

March 20, 2020

Hello all,

This is a very unsettling time. We are all being asked to change our routines so as to keep ourselves and all others safe from this horrible coronavirus pandemic. These steps have been implemented.

I have closed the office until further notice and will only allow necessary operations to continue. The board members and committees will communicate electronically, our office staff will only be called into the office for that which cannot be handled remotely, and our public safety personnel will continue their normal duties.

I know that you all will have concerns and questions about what your responsibilities to the association are and we as a board will make every effort to address those. Your safety and wellbeing is our priority, all else can be dealt with when it is determined that it is safe to continue as normal.

Please be patient and observe safety precautions and we will all get through this together.

Thank You,

Al Grabon

March 21, 2020

PLA Updates: COVID-19 Dues payment deferral

Paupackan Lake Association is not considered a life-sustaining business, so our office is closed. However, our goal is to support our members and community through the crisis that is COVID-19. We are available and will respond by email to all of your inquiries. Additionally, PLA Public Safety will remain on regular patrol of the community during this critical time.

We understand that people may be experiencing financial hardships, particularly making dues payments. We realize that your attention is caring for and protecting family and close friends. The association is hoping to relieve some concern by:

- **Pushing out your dues payment date.**

We are extending your dues payment one month in advance of your current due date. Paupackan Lake Association dues that are payable by March 31, 2020 will be extended to and due by April 30, 2020.

- **Waiving all late fees.**

We're waiving late fees on your current year dues payment until May 2020.

Let's all be safe,

Paupackan Lake Association

Friday, March 27, 2020

Attention All PLA Residents:

In accordance with Governor Wolf's Stay-At-Home order for Wayne County on March 27, 2020, **all PLA community facilities are hereby closed**, including the community building, pavilion, basketball court and lawn, playground, and beach.

The association cannot adequately disinfect these common areas from the COVID-19 virus and are therefore off-limits until further notice.

We urge that all residents comply with the governor's directives to reduce the chances of spreading the virus.

Thank you for your cooperation. Be safe and stay well.

PLA BOARD

May 17th, 2020

Hello again:

Summer will soon be upon us and Governor Wolf has announced that on May 22nd, Wayne County will move from a “Red” County to a “Yellow” County, which basically removes the Stay-at-Home order and allows residents to have somewhat more freedom to leave their home. While the Stay-at-Home order is lifted, the restrictions still do not allow the Beach, Pavilion, or Playground areas to reopen. However, the hiking trail and lake are open, with social distancing restrictions in place.

With the summer season starting, our Association will have an increase in transitory movements of Members from many areas which are still under the stay-at-home restrictions. This may increase the risk of the spread of this disease. While everyone has their own opinion of how and what should be done, we must abide by the Governor's plan and be vigilant in abiding by the social distancing and restrictions concerning congregation of groups.

I am asking that all Members be courteous to each other and respect their well-being, by following the guidelines provided by our health officials. When walking/hiking, move to the side, allowing people to pass. Give others necessary space to access the lake via the boat basin docks. Refrain from touching surfaces, and avoid any type of congregating, especially with those who are not part of your household. A link to the latest guidelines for PA recreations can be found on the home page of the PLA Website.

While this pandemic has altered the way that we socially interact, we have a magnificent community which can bring great joy, even in solitude. Be safe, be vigilant, and respect others.

Thanks, and enjoy your summer.

Al Grabon, President, PLA

Sunday, May 31, 2020

Attention All PLA Residents:

We are happy to announce that Paupackan Lake has a plan to re-open the beach in accordance with the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH). Our Lake Chairman, Steven Prall, led a group of volunteers to formulate a detailed plan in accordance with precautions and restrictions required by the DOH.

As soon as we have equipment and required placards, the beach will be reopened. In the meantime, we're asking residents to stay off the beach so the work can be completed.

Updates will be posted on the PLA website as soon as they are available.

Thank you for your patience.

PLA Board

COVID-19 BEACH RULES

Everyone must follow the rules, respect each other, and respect Public Safety, otherwise repercussions could include removal from the beach or a complete closure of the beach. Please do not be one of the few who ruins it for everyone.

1. All CDC, federal, state, county and local requirements will be followed. As you know the situation is fluid so please check the Paupackan Lake website and local signage on a regular basis.
2. 2019 or 2020 buttons or visitor passes must be in possession of anyone that wants to access the beach.
3. Anyone coming from an area that is under stay at home orders or has symptoms is not allowed to use the beach until self-isolation protocols are complete.
4. Beach occupancy is limited to 75.
5. Social distancing rules are in place and must be adhered to. To accomplish this each family/household will take a plastic chain (large or small depending on size of party). The chain will be laid in a circle to create your "area". To ensure there is room for all, your "area" should be set to maximize free space, but at least 6 feet from other "areas". No one is allowed to create an "area" within 15' of the water or in straight lines from the beach access points. When you are not in the water, masks must be worn at all times.
Chains are provided in buckets containing a disinfection solution of liquid chlorine and water at the entrance to the beach. Chains are to be returned to the buckets after use.
6. The raft will be in the water, no sunbathing on the raft is allowed. People shall provide 6' of distance from the ladder when someone else is accessing the raft. Only 2 people will be allowed on the raft at a time. People will access the raft and then jump in, no lingering. The reason for 2 people is to allow for a parent and child.
7. No reserving spots on the beach. If someone leaves, except to utilize the bathroom, they must take their belongings with them and lose their spot.
8. Cleanliness – existing rules such as no glass remain in effect. In addition, to protect our employees and others:
 - a. No smoking will be allowed at the beach. This is where the few harm the many; there are continuously cigarette butts and cigar filter tips that must be cleaned up. These could carry the virus and increase exposure if not disposed of properly. Since disposal is a perennial issue, no smoking on association properties.
 - b. No littering, each family should come with a bag to clean up their own waste to limit congregating at the trash can, to limit virus transfer and to protect our employees.
 - c. There should be no spitting or squirting of water.
 - d. No items should be left in the common areas/pathways.
 - e. While parents should always watch their children near the water, parents must try their best to keep children socially distant from each other and watch the sharing of toys. Parents should discuss these rules with their children prior to arriving at the beach.
9. Porta-johns – will be in place but everyone must make an effort to keep them clean. Users of the beach should bring sanitary wipes and clean the door handles and other touch points on entering and leaving. A table will be set up that has a disinfectant spray to use on the doors. Each person should use it when accessing the portable bathroom.
10. Enforcement – Public Safety will enforce the above rules.
 - a. First violation of any of the above rules is a verbal warning.
 - b. 2nd violation is removal from the beach for the day.
 - c. While progressive enforcement is preferred an escalation to removal can be made for egregious behavior, disrespect or confrontation.