

Resort Report

Klines Resort March-April 2013

New Tornado Siren to be Installed

The resort has contracted West Shore Services to install a new emergency siren at Klines Resort in April.

The new siren will be a Federal rotating electro-mechanical siren with an effective range of 6,400 feet at 70 dBC. The old siren's range was only 1200 ft. So you should be able to hear the new siren anywhere on Portage Lake, or within a one mile radius of the resort.

The siren will be located on a 50 foot pole adjacent to the main lift station, west of the clubhouse behind the homes on Hammond Drive. This should help those on Center St. who have had trouble hearing the current sirens. It comes with a battery backup that supplies at least 15 minutes of full operation after power is lost.

Like our old alarms, this siren will be radio activated and tested by St. Joseph County Central Dispatch. Tests are held on the first Saturday of each month March thru October at appx. 12:05 pm.

The siren will sound only in the event of a **tornado warning**. New this year, the county plans to continue to sound the siren **every 5 minutes** for the duration of the warning. This will help insure that you do not return to normal activities until the danger has passed.

Of course, you may be unable to hear the siren if you are indoors or if there is ambient noise such as TV's, air conditioners, mowers, etc. that can mask the sound of the siren. So you should remain alert to conditions whenever storms are forecast.

We expect the new siren to be VERY LOUD, so don't be surprised; just be prepared to respond when you hear it!



Notice: Until the new siren is installed, only the small siren at the shop is in service.

**Are you ready for an emergency?
Pick up a copy of the St. Joseph County
"Family Preparedness Guide" at the office.**



CALENDAR

Coffee Hour: Every Saturday @ 8:30am

Potlucks: 6pm March 7, 21 & April 11, 25

- ◆ **FEB 27:** Short term camping reservations open for short term campers on-line only.
- ◆ **Feb 28:** Personal property taxes due.
- ◆ *Feb 28 - March 2: Vicksburg Showboat*
- ◆ **March 2:** Tornado Siren Test (see article)
- ◆ **March 7:** Corn Beef Potluck: Sign up. \$1 & dish
- ◆ *March 10: Daylight Savings Time begins, Change your smoke alarm batteries!*
- ◆ **March 10:** Sunday Service 7pm
- ◆ **March 21: Potluck 6pm**
- ◆ **March 29-April 1:** Happy Easter! Office Closed
- ◆ **April 1:** Seasonal Camp Agreements due.
- ◆ **April 1:** Foot Clinic: \$25. Sign up CB.
- ◆ **April 6:** Tornado siren test 12:05
- ◆ **April 8:** Begin summer office hours
- ◆ **April 11: Lasagna Potluck:** \$1 & dish to pass.
- ◆ **April 14:** Sunday Service 7 pm.
- ◆ **April 25: Potluck 6pm**
- ◆ **May 2: FPL Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser**
- ◆ **May 4: Resort Open House**

Office Hours thru March 28

Mon - Fri: 9 am - noon

Office Hours beginning April 2

Mon - Sat: 9 - 2

Closed Sundays and holidays.

Closed on Fri March 29 & Mon April 1



FPL Spaghetti Dinner

Thursday, May 2, 5 to 7 pm

Clubhouse Dining Room

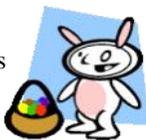
Suggested donation tba

Invite your friends to join us for our first Friends of Portage Lake Spaghetti Dinner! Funds raised will help fund this year's invasive weed treatment on Portage Lake!

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

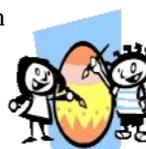
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| 1 Lonnie Cotner | 23 Bill Sonnycalf |
| 3 Gail Bratt | 24 Patrick Oliver |
| Jeanette Buckhout | 24 Richard Flegel |
| Dick Goldschmeding | 25 Babette Garrison |
| 4 Phyllis Grevenstuk | 27 Jim LaCroix |
| Dora Kuis | GloriaJean Grevenstuk |
| Mike Wood | Julie Thatcher |
| Bob Tuinier | 29 Judy McWatters |
| 7 Phyllis Mann | 30 Carol Allor |
| 8 Ken Allen | 31 Sandy Rainwater |
| 12 Sherrie Mandigo | Janet Dudley |
| 14 Denny Breedon | |
| 15 John Peters | ANNIVERSARIES |
| Sharon Souder | 1 Jim & Joan Dorris |
| 16 Casey Peters | 4 Morrie & Bonnie Cole |
| Darlene Mortimer | 9 Dick & Pat Salisbury |
| Donna Cleary | 12 Walter & Lynda Smith |
| 18 Henry Sportel | 14 Mel & Dora Kuis |
| Christie Peters | 18 Bob & Diane Grice |
| Chris Taylor | Jerry & Mary Bennett |
| 19 Ron Stafford | 24 Larry & Dixie Farmer |
| Viki Edgell | 25 Paul & Becky Roberts |
| 20 Emmett Spence | 26 Tom & Sherrie Mandigo |
| 22 Doug Davis | 29 Charles & Pat Sparks |



April Special Days

BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Barb Goldschmeding | Crystal DeVries |
| 2 David Timm | Maureen Herder |
| 3 Lelia Ann Barnhardt | 24 Anna Allen |
| 6 Diana Lewis | Karen Crook |
| 9 Dennis Rinke | Sharon Woods |
| 10 Carol Fishburn | 25 Connie Klimp |
| 11 Paul Roberts | Gordon Sorensen |
| 12 Suzanne Taylor | 26 Glory Bragg |
| Ann Hughson | 30 Judy Wagner |



ANNIVERSARIES

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| 2 David & Nellie Buckhout |
| 8 Dan & Shirley Bricker |
| Frank & Lorraine Attivissimo |
| Gordon & Arlene Sorensen |
| 10 Helmer & Barb Larson |
| 16 George & Fran LaBonte |
| 19 Phil & Tama Kline |
| 24 Bob & Kathy Golec |
| Bob & Sue Ripley |
| 26 Mike & Mary Peters |
| Butch & Ferne Tanner |
| Mark & Charlene Buckhout |
| 27 Dick & Marlene Sutton |
| 30 Kevin & Eileen Honeysett |

Special Potlucks

March 7: Corn Beef & Cabbage

April 11: Lasagna

Sign Up CB. Bring \$1 and dish to pass!



Phil's Corner

Winter has been keeping us busy again this year. Mark has been handling the majority of the plowing - and with another 3 to 6" forecast this week we're not out of the woods yet! Mark rented a lift last week and had help from Don and Knute to clean the upper windows, lights and fans inside the clubhouse.

In the office, Tama has agreed to add the hours Viki worked to her schedule. We're pleased that Mark's wife - Lisa Wright - is training to be her backup. Lisa helped Tama with the spring mailing and she'll be covering the office while we're gone on vacation in March.

I've been working on getting bids together for several projects. The new tornado siren should be a big improvement, and I'm eager to get it operational. We hope to have the east sewage lagoon cleaned, but I don't know if we will have a permit in time to do it this spring or if it will have to wait until Fall. And I finally found someone who can solve the noise issues in the clubhouse, but I'm still waiting for a price to see if it fits in the budget.

We're also fixing up our cottage on Davis Drive for short term rentals. If you have guests who need a place for a week or more, we'd like to talk to you! It's furnished, supplied with linens and dishes, and now has central heat and air. It makes a cute, humble guest house.

Like you, we're working hard to be good stewards of our resources and to accomplish as much as we can with a limited budget. Let's pray the tax man brings some good news, the heating bills go down, the flu gets kicked out of town, and spring comes early!

God Bless,

Phil

Check your policy...

Proof of Insurance Is Required for Golf Carts

Bring proof of insurance to office. We will issue a sticker for your cart.

The golf cart must be listed in your policy either under standard coverage or as a special endorsement. If unsure, check with your agent.