

Murray Lake Association Monthly Newsletter

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Issue: October 2025

Message from the President

Fall is definitely showing its colors! Our most recent cruise around the lake showed many more docks and boats out of the water than in the water. I find this time of year a bit melancholy, summer fun is over and the chill of fall is upon us. But it also is a most colorful time and brings us a bounty of flavors with the fall harvests.

Your MLA Board remains active working on fun activities for us all to enjoy. We most recently held the fall color paddle to enjoy this quieter and more colorful lake time. Our next event is the popular Octoberfest coming up on Thursday the 23rd at Gather (formerly Smyrna Tavern) starting at 5:00pm with our friend Rudi bringing his musical entertainment from 6:00pm until 8:00pm. I understand that Jennifer at Gather is again preparing a special menu for us. Don't forget to RSVP! That will bring us right up to Halloween when we will be handing out some non-food goodies for the goblins at the "Y" on Causeway.

Wishing all a wonderful fall filled with sunshine and a bountiful harvest... but also some rain, we really need some rain!!

Upcoming Events

Date/Time	Event	Location
Oct 23rd 5-10pm	Octoberfest	Gather (Smyrna Bar)
Oct 31st	Halloween Trick or Treating	Murray Lake neighborhoods
Jan 31st Date Change	Souper Bowl	Sam and Nikki Paxson's House
Feb 2026	Ice Fishing Contest	On the lake (TBD)
Date TBD	Euchre Tournament	Red Barn
May 23rd	5K Run/Walk	Start/End at Murray Lake Elementary

Contact the MLA Board

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Website: <https://murraylakeassociation.com/>

Highlights from Last Month

A great day on the golf course was shared by all who attended the annual Kistler's golf outing. 24 foursomes were able to participate in the competition and although Crooked Lake won by 2 strokes, everyone had a great time! Murray Lake will try for the trophy again next year!

The first Fall Color Tour Paddle was a success! We had 12 paddlers join the tour on canoes, kayaks, and paddle boards to enjoy a lovely loop around the lake. We had the lake mostly to ourselves for a quiet paddle enjoying the leaves and the good company. The warm cider and donuts from the Red Barn were appreciated for a nice break from the wind. Maybe next year we will have a little sunshine for the tour!

Lake Updates and Information

Lake Info:

While our lake, like many other water bodies in the area, is still down a substantial amount, the rains are bringing it up some. This could be beneficial next spring in preventing past flooding from spring rains depending on the snowfall amounts this winter. We can hope we do get back to normal levels by next year!

A reminder to all who have not pulled your docks and boat lifts out yet, our official dock out date for Murray Lake is December 15th (though to avoid the cold, we recommend pulling it out well before that!)

Education Opportunities:

The fall issue of Michigan Lakes and Streams is available to read. Enjoy at [this link](#)!

MSU is offering an Introduction to Lakes online course to begin in Jan 2026 designed to provide information on lake ecology, watersheds, shorelines, aquatic plant management, Michigan water law, and community involvement. [Register here.](#)

General Reminders

Please help keep debris from washing down storm drains as each of the drains go directly into the lake. Try to clear the drains and area around them before the next big rain.

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Ocktoberfest is here again! Join us for this great event hosted by the Murray Lake Association at **Gather (Smyrna Bar and Restaurant) on Thursday, October 23rd, from 5pm-10pm**. A special menu will be available for this event, food and drink at your own expense. **Enjoy live entertainment from 6pm-8pm.**

Please **RSVP to Terry at tbc8721@yahoo.com by Oct 16th** at the latest if you would like to attend!

Memorial Day 5K Run/Walk

The MLA is planning to bring back the Memorial Day Weekend 5K Run/Walk to kick-off summer 2026! The run will start and end at Murray Lake Elementary School. All registered participants will receive a T-shirt. More information on registration will be shared in the coming months!

If you or someone you know would be interested in sponsoring this event, please reach out to the board!

Halloween

Spooky season has arrived and the MLA is getting excited for another Halloween of trick-or-treating around Murray Lake! The board will be providing goodie bags with some fun non-food items for all kids walking around the Causeway. **A table will be set up at the Y to grab a goodie bag and a glowstick!**

Thank you to everyone who completed the facebook poll for the Trunk-or-Treat addition. Based on the feedback, we will not be organizing that for this year. If there is additional interest, we can discuss for 2026.

Souper Bowl

The annual chili cook-off is coming back as a “Souper Bowl” event! Join your neighbors at **Sam and Nikki Paxson’s house on Jan 31st** for great food and competition. There will be prizes for the best soup/chili!

More details to come.

Photos of the Month

Good fun had by all at the Kistler’s Golf Outing at The Links at Bowen Lake!

Congrats to the Crooked Lake winners!



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