

# Murray Lake Association Monthly Newsletter

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## Message from the President

Happy Holidays to our fellow Murray Lakers!

As we come to the holiday season and the end of 2025, we look back over a year filled with both old and new activities with opportunities to mingle with our lake neighbors. We held our first ever kid's fishing tournament, the 4th of July Parade followed by the ice cream trucks, the ever-popular poker run and the newly added Halloween Booth giving out goodies to our witches and goblins to name a few. These events could not be held without the hard work of your association board and volunteers; I give them all a BIG THANK YOU!

We are looking to hold a "Souper-bowl" January 31st to test the culinary skills of our members as they compete with their soups and chilis. We also are in the early planning stages of adding an ice-fishing contest! As we add more activities, we have made the decision to sunset some, we will not have the Bob Canfield Christmas Decorating Contest this year due to limited participation. We still encourage you to decorate and hang your strings of lights!

As I end this message and we end this calendar year I must recognize how blessed we are to live on this beautiful lake and have such a great community! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

## Highlights from Last Month

Gather (Smyrna Bar) treated our fellow Murray Lakers to a great night of food and music during the Octoberfest event. There was a great turn out and lots of excellent attire for the celebration!

Halloween trick-or-treaters enjoyed a great night visiting the neighborhood streets in costume! The MLA Board had a great time sharing in the festivities and meeting the neighbors at our goodie bag table on Causeway during the holiday!

## Lake Updates and Information

### Lake Info:

We have had winter arriving quickly this year! Lot of snow and ice that seems to be here to stay for the December holidays. All this snow will help our lake levels hopefully come back up come springtime. We can expect a solid freeze across the lake coming soon for all those hoping to ice fish, skate, or cross country ski this winter!

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 (if any our left in the water at this point!).

### Education Opportunities:

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.](#)

Preventing the introduction and spread of invasive species is the responsibility of everyone who uses Michigan's valuable fresh-water resources. For more information on invasive species and prevention methods, visit [Michigan.gov/Invasives](https://Michigan.gov/Invasives).

## Upcoming Events

Date/Time	Event	Location
Jan 31st	Souper Bowl	Sam and Nikki Paxson's House
Feb 14th	Ice Fishing Contest	On the lake (TBD)
Date TBD	Euchre Tournament	TBD
May 23rd	5K Run/Walk	Start/End at Murray Lake Elementary

## Contact the MLA Board

Email: [murraylakeboard@gmail.com](mailto:murraylakeboard@gmail.com)

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

## General Reminders

Ice season on the lake is quickly approaching, please be sure to follow appropriate safety measures when preparing any activities on the ice this winter season.

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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.

## Ice Fishing Contest

The Board is planning to run the first ice fishing contest this winter! **The contest is planned for Feb 14th during the free fishing weekend** if weather and ice conditions allow. Registration details will be shared in Jan. This event will be free for MLA members, non-members will be charged a \$30 fee to participate.

## 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!**

## Photos of the Month

Good food and music was enjoyed at the Ocktoberfest event at Gather (Smyrna Bar)!



The MLA Board enjoyed celebrating Halloween with all the kids and families trick-or-treating around Causeway. 200 goodie bags were shared!