

Murray Lake Association Monthly Newsletter

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Message from the President

Do I dare say it?? I will take the chance and say
WELCOME TO SPRING!!

Your MLA has been busy while we impatiently waited for the weather to turn warm and sunny. The first ice fishing tournament was held February 14th with many local youths participating. We look forward to the summer tournament this upcoming June 13th.

We are bringing back the MLA 5k Run Walk on the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend, this is a fun way to unofficially kick off our lake life summer with a run, walk, or stroll around the Island with your friends and neighbors. All current MLA Members get \$10.00 off their registration and let's not forget you'll get a stylish 5k tee shirt to commemorate your accomplishment!

Grattan Township will be holding their Community Clean Up day on May 16th; there is more information in the newsletter. Those of us in Vergennes Township participate with the City of Lowell's Clean Up, that date has not yet been set.

The Annual Meeting will be held on May 14th 7:00 pm at the Grattan Township Hall. We have some speakers lined up to bring us updates on our sewer system, the health of our lake and update on the 4th of July Fireworks.

I look forward to seeing many of you on May 14th !

Upcoming Events

Date/Time	Event	Location
May 14th, 7pm	MLA Annual Meeting	Grattan Township Hall
May 23rd, 9am	5K Run/Walk	Start/End at Murray Lake Elementary
June 5-6 9am-5pm	Garage Sale Day	Murray Lake Neighborhoods
June 13th 8:30am-12pm	Kid's Fishing Tournament	West Boat Launch
July 4th	4th of July Events!	Around the Lake

Contact the MLA Board

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

Highlights from Jan-Mar

The Souper Bowl party had two delicious entries this year for all the attendees to enjoy a taste! Everyone had a great time, despite the limited soups submitted to the contest. The board will add an advance sign-up for next year to ensure everyone can enjoy a few more new soups and chilis!

The first annual Ice Fishing Tournament in Feb was successful! The lake froze over with great ice for the event and the sun shined for the 12 participants to enjoy during the contest. We hope to continue this as an annual event!

Lake Updates and Information

Lake Info:

April has arrived and the rain has come with it! The lake level has come up significantly since the low levels of last fall with all the rainfall of spring so far. But the lake temperature is still much too cold for swimming!

Goose Season for Egg and Nest Removal has arrived. The permit is good until May 8, 2026. This year, we have been granted an extended period which allows us to destroy nests that are built in the early part of the season. Hopefully, residents will find nests regardless of where they are located on the lake. Please report any sites to:

Cindy Covell: cindylou3711@comcast.net / 616-648-8238

Education Opportunities:

Invasive species pose a threat to Michigan's environment, economy and sometimes even human health. Want to learn more, check out this webinar series ([link](#)).

EGLE conducts fish contaminant monitoring across many locations in MI to ensure fish remain safe for consumption and determine if contaminant levels are changing. More info here ([link](#)).

General Reminders

Spring has arrived! One down side to the snow melting is seeing all the trash that has built up over the winter. Please consider bringing a bag along as you take a walk and pick up some of the trash to keep our community clean.

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If you have any interest in learning more about how you can give back to our lake community please consider becoming a volunteer or a board member. Reach out to any of our board members either at the Annual Meeting or by reaching out directly to find out more.

Memorial Weekend 5K Run/Walk

The MLA is bringing back the Memorial Weekend 5K Run/Walk to kick-off summer 2026! Join your neighbors on **Saturday, May 23rd at 9am** for this fun event. The run will start and end at Murray Lake Elementary School. **All registered participants will receive a T-shirt, sign-up by May 14th to ensure to get your chosen size!** Registration is \$35, but MLA members receive a \$10 discount.

More information and registration at [this link](#).

Garage Sale Day

The annual garage sale weekend will be **Friday and Saturday, June 5th and 6th, from 9am to 5pm**. There will be signs posted on the main roads leading in to the lake and sales around many of the neighborhood streets! Feel free to set up a sale at your house or enjoy a nice walk through the sales to see what you might find!

Share with your friends and families!

Kid's Fishing Tournament

The 2nd annual kid's fishing contest is planned for **Jun 13th** during the free fishing weekend. **Check-in will be from 8:30-9am at the west boat launch and the contest will run from 9-11:30am**. Prizes will be awarded at 12pm for the most fish caught and the largest fish caught. This event will be free for MLA members, non-members will be charged a \$30 fee to participate.

Registration details will be shared in an upcoming newsletter.

Photos of the Month



Congrats to the winners of the Souper Bowl event in Jan and the winners of the Ice Fishing Tournament in Feb!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the winter events!

