

Murray Lake Association Monthly Newsletter

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Message from the President

We've made it to the unofficial start of summer with the Memorial Day Holiday! While we celebrate this day as the unofficial start of summer, we must not forget the real reason we have this day, to recognize the many who did not come home from their military duties.

We have held our first 5k Memorial Day Walk/Run in several years with great participation as we come out of our winter hibernation. I look forward to our upcoming events like the garage sales and summer fishing tournament as we head into June.

This is my last message as the president of your Murray Lake Association as I turn over the reins to Neal Simon our incoming president. He comes with experience of the vice president of the association, I know he will a great job!

Thank you for everyone's help and participation in our activities. I believe we have a great association with a great board leading it!

Terry

I'm honored to take the baton from Terry and excited to step into the role of MLA President. Terry (and Marilyn) have served on and off the MLA Board since the late 1980s, and we are incredibly fortunate to have their deep knowledge and long history with Murray Lake. Terry will remain on the Board for the next year to ensure a smooth and successful transition.

We have an exciting summer ahead, filled with activities and opportunities to connect as a community. Please join us whenever you can — and I look forward to seeing you on the water!

Neal

Upcoming Events

Date/Time	Event	Location
June 5-6 9am-5pm	Garage Sale Days	Murray Lake Neighborhoods
June 13th 8:30am-12pm	Kid's Fishing Tournament	West Boat Launch
July 4th	4th of July Events!	Around the Lake
Aug 1st	Poker Run	Around the Lake
Aug 29th	Flotilla	SW end of the lake

Highlights from Apr-May

The MLA Annual Meeting was held on May 14th. Topics discussed included a sewer update, reminders from the marine patrol on rules and safety laws on the lake, an overview on the lake testing from recent years, and a review of the MLA events coming up this summer.

Summer activities officially kicked off over Memorial Day weekend with the 5K walk/run returning to the lake! We had a great turn out despite the rain with the fastest man, woman, and youth taking home trophies! Thank you to the T-shirt sponsors and the Red Barn for donuts!

Lake Updates and Information

Lake Info:

The lake is starting to feel warm enough to swim in! Our lake testers, Mark and Tom, shared the trending of their testing on the levels of chlorophyll, phosphorous, oxygen, and water temperature at the annual meeting. All the data points to our lake being healthy!

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

Help keep our sewer system is good working order by ensuring that only human waste and toilet paper are flushed down the toilet. In the case of a power outage, avoid significant water usage with your generators as the lift stations are not operable during an outage.

Contact the MLA Board

Email: murraylakeboard@gmail.com

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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!

4th of July

4th of July events will kick off with the **kid's parade around Causeway at 11am**. Please line up at the Y at 10:45am. The ice cream trucks will travel around the lake after the parade. Tickets for the ice cream truck will be available for association members, stay tuned for more info in the next newsletter.

We are encouraging everyone to decorate your boats with lights and **travel around the lake starting at 9pm for a light-up boat parade** prior to the fireworks show!

Fireworks will be launched after sunset on the east side of the lake. If you are interested in donating to support the fireworks show, **contact Shane Risner** shane.risner@gmail.com or donate via venmo (@Shane-Risner-1), [gofundme](https://www.gofundme.com), or simply mail a check (4353 Causeway Dr).

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 9am-12pm**. Prizes will be awarded at 12:30pm 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.

[Register Here!](#)

First 10 to register will receive a free gift!

Poker Run

2026 Annual Poker Run will be **Saturday, August 1st**. Stay tuned for upcoming information. We are always looking for host sites, **we are in need of 5-7 host sites for this year's event**, and companies that want to donate to the raffle.

If interested, please contact Neal Simon

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Photos of the Month



Thank you to all the volunteers and participants in the 5K walk/run to kick off the summer! We had almost 50 participants despite the rainy morning. Congrats to all the winners!