

Murray Lake Association Monthly Newsletter

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Message from the President

What an incredible summer we have had on Murray Lake. Given the success of the poker run, we were able to donate \$300 to the local Grattan Fire Department. Thanks to all who participated in our fun annual Poker Run event.

A huge thank-you to Sam & Nikki Paxson for pulling off an amazing 2nd Annual Flotilla — sunshine, food, music, neighbors, and maybe even a few new friendships. It was the perfect way to wrap up the season.

But we're not slowing down. Fall is packed with activities to keep the momentum going. First up, we're cheering on our Murray Lake golfers in the Crooked Murray Golf Event — bring home that win!

We've also lined up events for all ages: a Fall Color Paddle to soak in nature's beauty, a Halloween gathering to show off your spooky side, and a little friendly rivalry with the UM vs. MSU football showdown paired with a chili cookoff to test your culinary skills.

Highlights from Aug-Sep

The 2nd annual flotilla was a great success at the end of August! We had a good crowd out on the water enjoying the music, hot dogs, and good company. We had a few improvements from last year, but still looking for opportunities to help make this event even more successful. The board will keep brainstorming to come back next summer for more fun and music to enjoy with you all! If you have any suggestions, feel free to reach out to any of your board members.

Lake Updates and Information

Lake Info:

The lake level has come back up a few inches with our end of summer rain and cooldown. The level is back close to where it was earlier this spring. Enjoy the swimming before it gets too cold! Temperature of the water has dropped to the low 70s.

Education Opportunities:

MSU is offering a course on introduction to lakes to gain knowledge on lake ecology, watersheds, shorelines, aquatic plant management, and Michigan water law. Registration for Jan 2027 course to open soon! ([link](#))

Lots of online learning opportunities through the Michigan Inland Lakes Partnership. Check out listings for all the upcoming events including seminars on invasive species and microplastics in our water. Details available here ([link](#)).

If you want to get more involved in preserving and protecting our inland lakes, check out the Michigan Waterfront Alliance ([link](#))

General Info/Reminders

COMING SOON: The board is working with Fandangled to set up a Fall pop-up store for residents to order Murray Lake gear like T-shirts, hoodies, hats and blankets. The goal is to have the gear in time for your holiday gifts!

INFO: The MLA Board has some extra MLA Member metal signs as well as the latest issue of the Lake Directory. If any association member would like one that does not already have one, please reach out to Neal Simon (612-963-3111).

Upcoming Events

Date/Time	Event	Location
Sep 19th, 9am	Crooked Murray Golf Outing	The Links @ Bowen Lake
Oct 17th 10am-12pm	Fall Color Paddle	Around the Lake
Oct 31st	Halloween Trick-or-Treat	Murray Lake Neighborhoods
Nov 7th	Chili Cook-Off	Sam and Nikki Paxson's House
~Feb/Mar	Euchre Tournament	TBD

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Crooked Murray Golf Outing

The Kistler's are hosting a **golf outing again on Sep 19th against our neighbors from Crooked Lake**. Last year, Crooked Lake took the crown, but Murray Lake is coming back hungry and ready to reclaim what's theirs! The event will be at The Links at Bowen Lake, with a 9am shotgun start. Cost is \$80/person. Text or email Nancy for any last minute registration to secure your team's spot: (312) 961-3484 or nancy.kistler00@gmail.com.

Good luck to the Murray Lake teams!

Fall Color Paddle

The fall color paddle event is coming back for the 2nd year! The event is planned for **Sat, Oct 17th from 10am -12pm** with a rain date of Sun, Oct 18th. Come out with your kayak, canoe, or paddle board and enjoy the fall colors as we paddle around the lake!

The paddle will **begin at the SE end of the lake** and will paddle north along the interior of the lake coastline. Feel free to join at the start or whenever the group passes your home. **We will stop for cider and donuts at the end of the paddle.**

Halloween

Spooky season is around the corner 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!**

Chili Cook-Off

The Chili cook-off is coming back this fall! The MLA Board and Sam and Nikki Paxson will be hosting another chili cookout at their house **during the Michigan vs Michigan State football game on Nov 7th**. Timing will be determined once the final game schedule is set. If you are interested in bringing a chili, **please add your name to the list ([link](#))** to ensure we have lots of entries!

Photos of the Month



A subset of the proceeds from the Poker Run were donated to the Grattan Fire Department



The 2nd annual flotilla! Lots of music and hot dogs were enjoyed by all who attended!

