

Murray Lake Association Monthly Newsletter

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Message from the President

The fall colors are putting on quite a show around Murray Lake! There is nothing quiet like looking across the water and seeing the shoreline painted with brilliant reds, oranges, and golds. If you joined us for the Fall Color Paddle, you had a front-row seat to some of the season's best views. Thanks to Samantha McNaughton and Sharon Landman for coordinating the Color Paddle.

A big shout-out to Nancy Kistler for organizing this year's Crooked Murray Golf Outing. While bringing home the championship remains an elusive goal, plenty of laughs, friendly competition, and great memories were shared by everyone who participated.

As temperatures begin to cool, our community's calendar is still heating up! Halloween goody bags will once again be available for children at the Y on the causeway. We're also shaking things up a bit this year. Instead of Oktoberfest, we're combining two great traditions into one exciting event: a Chili Cook-Off and the MSU vs. U of M football game. Think your chili recipe has what it takes to claim the crown? Bring your A-game, and don't forget to sign up in advance! Finally, Kimberly Burke, our MLA Treasurer, and Sharon Landman are organizing a community Euchre Tournament on Fri, Mar 5. Mark your calendars, gather your lucky cards, and get ready for a fun evening with your Murray Lake neighbors!

In the meantime, be sure to enjoy those spectacular fall colors while they're here. Before we know it, they'll be replaced by that familiar white stuff!

Upcoming Events

Date/Time	Event	Location
Oct 31st	Halloween Trick or Treat	The "Y" on Causeway
Nov 7 th , Time TBD	Chili Cook-Off	Sam and Nikki Paxson's House
Mar 5th	Euchre Tournament	Rio Grand Steakhouse

Contact the MLA Board

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Highlights from Oct

The 2nd Annual Crooked Murray Golf Outing was a great success on the rain date of Oct 4th! Despite not taking home the cup, the Murray Lake golfers enjoyed a beautiful day on the course with lots of fun had by all!

We also had the 2nd annual Fall Color Paddle on Oct 17th. The cold morning temperatures warmed with beautiful bright sunshine and smooth waters as the paddlers enjoyed wandered the lake and enjoyed hot cider and donuts. Hope you can join us next year!

Lake Updates and Information

Lake Info:

The lake level has continued to come up over the last month. We are now three inches above the level from the Spring. The lake temp continues to drop and is now down to about 62°C.

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

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 now open! ([link](#))

General Info/Reminders

INFO: The board has partnered with Fandangled to set up a Fall pop-up store for residents to order Murray Lake apparel like T-shirts, hoodies, hats and blankets. The store closes Oct 30th, so get your orders in! The MLA does not profit from any sales. ([link](#))

REQUEST: The MLA Board is looking for a coordinator for the ice fishing tournament. Please reach out to Neal Simon (612-963-3111) if you have interest in volunteering!

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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 **starting at ~5pm on Oct 31st!** Stop by while supplies last!

Euchre Tournament

The MLA Board is excited to announce a new event this winter. **We will be hosting a euchre tournament on Friday, Mar 5th, at the Rio Grand Steakhouse!** Mark your calendars for the event and keep an eye out for more details to be shared as we get closer to March.

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, soup, stew or other dish, **please add your name to the list ([link](#)) to ensure we have lots of entries!** Please reach out to Sam McNaughton if you have difficulty accessing the sign-up sheet (269-716-8957).

We will have two categories for winners, the best chili and the best other entry. **Winners from each category will receive 1 free hand in the 2027 poker run.** Additionally, all MLA member households will receive 1 ticket entry into a giveaway basket of goodies! You must be present to win.

Photos of the Month



Although Big Crooked Lake took home the cup for the 2nd year, the Murray Lake team had a great time at this year's Crooked Murray Golf Outing!



The lake was sunny, calm, and beautiful for our 2nd Annual Fall Color Tour Paddle!

