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Subject: Runyan Lake Inc. - Fall Newsletter and Notice of Fall General Membership Meeting by Proxy

To All Members of Runyan Lake Inc.:

Attached is your fall 2020 Runyan Lake Inc. newsletter and Notice of the Fall General Membership Meeting by Proxy. Those of you who have requested a newsletter my regular mail should receive one in the next few days.

Due to Michigan Executive Order 2020-160 we are unable to assemble to hold our Fall General Meeting. We have considered other options, including a Zoom meeting, but have identified too many logistical challenges.

To be able to conduct the business items required in our Bylaws, such as establishing our 2021 budget, 2021 dues amounts, to obtain 2021 permit application consent, and hold trustee elections, the Fall General Meeting will be held by proxy ballot. All freeholders (title holders) of record will be mailed a proxy ballot. If you have not received a proxy ballot by August 27th and believe you are entitled to one please contact us. Proxy ballots will be mailed out shortly.

Ballots must be received by RLI no later than September 4, 2020. Instructions for returning the proxy ballot are stated on the ballot. All ballots will be numbered to ensure authenticity.

Since we are unable to assemble for our meeting here is an update on various topics.

1. **June 15 weed control clarification** – We have received a few comments suggesting the Runyan Lake Heights area was not treated during the June 15 aquatic weed treatment. We have confirmed that area was treated for Pondweed and Milfoil consistent with the treatment map that was provided.
2. **Starry Stonewort treatments** continue to be applied monthly to the cove and other identified areas.
3. **Goose control** was unfortunately suspended for 2020 by the State of Michigan. We are hopeful the program will resume for 2021.
4. **Water quality testing** – Water samples were taken on June 22nd and August 11th. E-coli results are well below acceptable community standards. The results are posted on the website water quality page.
5. **Fireworks** – We have received generally positive comments about our show this year, however those same comments have had questions regarding what appeared to many to be a missing finale and the number of shells set off 5 – 10 minutes after the show ended. Regarding the finale and show in general, there was unfortunately a technical issue with the firing controls that affected a number of shells (those ignited after the show ended to clear the tubes) and also the finale. If it is any consolation, we did receive a \$1500 credit for the portions of the show that failed. Most seem to agree that up to the point of the finale this was one of the best shows we have ever had. We will try again next year.

6. **General boating safety and practices** – We have received some feedback from several individuals concerned about boating activities and suggested behavioral changes. Please keep in mind RLI has no ability to enforce or dictate boating behavior. The surface of the water is regulated by the State of Michigan. RLI has created a map of recommended general boating traffic flow consistent with State of Michigan boating rules, and also recommended areas for some of the activities that have resulting in complaints in the past. We have done this in an attempt to minimize conflicts, raise awareness, and to try to allow the various water activities to peacefully coexist on our relatively small lake. Most are adhering to those recommendations. If you are confronted by someone please keep in mind we are all trying to prevent accidents and keep Runyan Lake safe. While attempting to do that we must also keep in mind no one is permitted to restrict the right to navigate the surface of the water. Navigation of the water surface is only limited by State of Michigan speed limits, distances from the shoreline, docks, swimmers, etc., and other boating legal requirements. If you want to bring potential violations or behavioral concerns to someone’s attention be respectful and politely express your concern. If they resist your discussion, move away. If you still have concerns, enforcement of boating violations requires a call to the Livingston County Sheriff or the DNR.
7. **People riding on the front (bow) of Pontoons** - To be blunt, this is an illegal and highly dangerous practice. If someone on the front of a moving pontoon falls into the water the historical odds are that person will be seriously injured or killed. Many of your neighbors are concerned about those allowing people to ride on the front of their pontoon. We were forwarded the following regarding a recent incident in Wisconsin. <https://www.wzzm13.com/mobile/article/news/local/boater-seriously-hurt-in-pontoon-accident-wants-others-to-learn-from-her-mistake/89-41a22c11-6b59-42a4-a2d2-f10a33e41c46>. Michigan boating law states the following: “**Riding on the Bow, Gunwales, or Transom** is allowing passengers to ride on a motorboat in places where there may be a chance of falling overboard. While operating at greater than “slow, no wake speed,” persons on a motorboat may not sit, stand, or walk on any portion of a motorboat not designed for that purpose. This includes riding on the gunwale.” A motorboat is defined as any boat have a motor as a source of power. Please evaluate your individual behaviors and keep your family and friends safe.
8. **Use of Pontoon Docking Lights** – By law, the use of pontoon docking lights when under power is prohibited. These lights cause a loss of depth perception and vision over the water surface for other boaters at night when they are shined upon the surface of the water. Please limit the use of your pontoon docking lights for actual docking assistance along docks and the shoreline. Thank you.
9. **August social activities** – We are continuing to monitor the State of Michigan COVID-19 executive orders and other restrictions applying to organizations and corporations. No final decision has been made for the August 29th music event, however if current restrictions remain in place we will be forced to cancel the show to comply with State of Michigan requirements.

This and other Runyan Lake community news can be found on the Runyan Lake Inc. website at www.runyanlakeinc.com.

When you are talking with your neighbors, please inform those who are not on our e-mail distribution. Thank you!

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