



# RUNYAN LAKE INC.

## NEWSLETTER

August 2021

PO Box 105, Fenton MI 48430

[www.runyanlakeinc.com](http://www.runyanlakeinc.com)

## Fall General Meeting

### Friday, September 3, 2021

(Labor Day weekend)

**2022 DUES WAIVED RAFFLE !!!!!**

**Don't miss out!! One lucky member attending the meeting will WIN the opportunity to have their 2022 dues waived.**

### Fall General Membership Meeting

Tyrone Township Hall,  
8420 Runyan Lake Road, Fenton MI 48430

6:00 PM: Social hour, pizza & pop provided

7:00 PM: General Membership Meeting

#### Agenda:

- Call to order; Pledge of Allegiance; introduce Trustees
- Minutes of the Fall 2019 General Membership Meeting
- Minutes of the Fall 2020 General Membership Meeting
- Minutes of Spring 2021 General Membership Meeting
- Treasurer's Reports & proposed 2022 budget
- Social Committee Report, 2022 budget
- Election of Trustees
- Drawing for 2022 dues to be waived (see details)
- New / Other Business
  - Goose Control Update
  - Weed Control Update
  - Fireworks Feedback, 2022 Budget
  - Appointment of 2021 Audit Committee
  - Approval of 2022 Dues and Budget
  - Other Business
- Announcements
  - Boat Ramp Opening
  - Date of Spring 2022 General Membership Meeting, Friday, May 27, 2022 (Memorial Day weekend)
  - Other
- Adjournment

### Island Etiquette

A dog waste station has been installed. Please clean up after your dogs. Dog waste has become such a large issue we have had volunteers helping clean the island quit. Please show some respect and clean up after your dogs! And please, no glass on the island!

### Chance to have your 2022 RLI dues waived!

Incentive to attend the General Meetings!

Attend the fall meeting to be eligible for a drawing to have your dues waived for 2022.

Members must sign in prior to the start of the Membership meeting (7 PM). Only one entry per RLI lot number/tax ID. The winner must be in attendance at the meeting when the drawing is made and announced. Dues on the winning lot only will be waived for 2022. The winning lot at the Spring General Meeting is not eligible to enter the Fall General Meeting drawing.

### 2021 Social Events

Venetian Lights Boat Parade – Saturday, September 4th

As always please see the website for the latest details!

### Trustee Nominations

The following nominations for open Trustee positions have been received. A proxy ballot will be available prior to the Fall General Meeting.

Area 1 – Dave Verbeke  
Area 2 – Andy Nester  
Area 3 – Pat Maynard  
Area 4 – Mark Waligora  
Area 5 – Ivan Quinn

### Proxy voting .....

..... is available for anyone who cannot attend the General Membership meeting. A proxy form is available on our website, or you can contact a trustee. You may give your proxy vote to any RLI board member or other RLI member to vote on your behalf on the matters of trustee elections, budget approval and bylaw changes. You may give direction on your voting, or you may entrust your nominated member to vote for you as they consider appropriate. Your completed proxy form must be at the RLI PO box 48 hours prior to the meeting, or recorded at the meeting prior to the Call to Order.

### Boat Ramp Use

Please note the following procedures:

1. There are no set open hours for the boat ramp. Please call one of the area trustees to make an appointment. **Leave a message if there is no answer. Please provide at least 24 hours advance notice** so we can schedule boats together when possible. Thank you.
2. In order to use the RLI boat ramp, our boat ramp use policy, consistent with our Bylaws is:
  - Your RLI annual dues must be paid for all lots owned;
  - Watercraft must be titled to Runyan Lake riparian property owners or their renters; (State and local law)
  - Your state of Michigan watercraft registration must be current and displayed on the watercraft; (State law)
  - A 2021 RLI boat sticker must be present on the watercraft;
  - An RLI liability waiver should be on file.
3. Watercraft and trailers must be clean if coming from another water body to minimize risk of introducing invasive species. Please require any marina or trailer service you utilize to do the same. **This is State law effective 2019!** Please protect your lake!

### Boat Ramp Access Help

In addition to the RLI Trustees you may also contact the following people to request access to the boat ramp:

Gatekeeper	
Name	Phone#
Dan Cypher	810-730-9311
Tim Polakowski	810-965-6298
Jim Sporer	810-399-5669

### Goose Control

26 Geese were removed from the lake on June 25<sup>th</sup>. If you are having Goose issues and are interested in continuing Goose control please be sure you have signed the petition!

### Water Quality

Testing for E. coli bacteria was performed on August 10<sup>th</sup>. Bacteria counts were less than the state of Michigan public health standard for total body contact recreation, such as swimming. Detailed test information and test locations can be found on our website.

## Financial Reports 2021 YTD & Forecast, 2022 Budget

Runyan Lake Inc. Financial Report 7/31/2021								Proposed
Revenue	Description	2020	2021			Over Under	Year end Forecast	Budget 2022
		Actual	Budget	Actual	%			
1	Dues	\$42,935	\$38,675	\$38,812	100%	\$137	\$39,000	\$38,675
12	Social Committee (Note 1)	\$0	\$240	\$0		(\$240)	\$0	\$240
18	Interest	\$766	\$800	\$277	35%	(\$523)	\$435	\$800
1a & b	Donations/other income	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$43,701</b>	<b>\$39,715</b>	<b>\$39,089</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>(\$626)</b>	<b>\$39,435</b>	<b>\$39,715</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>								
2	Printing (see note 1)	\$328	\$350	\$341	189%	(\$9)	\$450	\$400
3	Postage	\$532	\$400	\$715	179%	\$315	\$800	\$500
4	P. O. Box Rental	\$0	\$82	\$106	129%	\$24	\$106	\$106
5	Membership Meetings	\$0	\$600	\$0	0%	(\$600)	\$300	\$625
6	ASTI study (possible dredging)	\$0	\$4,300	\$0	0%	(\$4,300)	\$0	\$4,300
7	Weed Control	\$12,689	\$20,000	\$10,065	50%	(\$9,935)	\$12,000	\$14,000
7A	Weed Harvesting	\$0	\$-	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0
8	State of Michigan Permits	\$800	\$1,200	\$816	68%	(\$384)	\$1,200	\$1,200
9	Hall Rental	\$150	\$250	\$0	0%	(\$250)	\$0	\$300
10	General Supplies	\$79	\$400	\$20	5%	(\$380)	\$300	\$400
12	Social Committee (Note 2)	\$732	\$5,140	\$0	0%	(\$5,140)	\$5,140	\$5,800
13	Property Repair & Maintenance	\$3,668	\$30,000	\$0	0%	(\$30,000)	\$0	\$30,000
14	Lake Study	\$300	\$475	\$0	0%	(\$475)	\$0	\$475
15	Liens	\$60	\$90	\$30	33%	(\$60)	\$30	\$60
17	Website/hardware	\$553	\$300	\$27	9%	(\$273)	\$300	\$300
19	Fireworks	\$8,560	\$10,000	\$15,000	150%	\$5,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
20	Property Tax	\$1,608	\$1,700	\$614	36%	(\$1,086)	\$1,700	\$1,700
22	Legal fees/Consulting	\$0	\$6,000	\$0	0%	(\$6,000)	\$0	\$6,000
26	Boat stickers	\$432	\$350	\$435	124%	\$85	\$435	\$450
28	Insurance	\$2,683	\$3,000	\$0	0%	(\$3,000)	\$3,000	\$3,000
27	Federal tax & Misc	\$362	\$300	\$200	67%	(\$100)	\$200	\$200
31	Banking Fees	\$53	\$65	\$0	0%	(\$65)	\$65	\$65
33	Coalition Efforts	\$84	\$-	\$84		\$0	\$0	\$0
34	Goose busters	\$0	\$500	\$0	0%	(\$500)	\$500	\$500
<b>total</b>		<b>\$33,672</b>	<b>\$85,502</b>	<b>\$28,453</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>(\$57,133)</b>	<b>\$41,526</b>	<b>\$85,381</b>
<b>Summary</b>								
Beginning Balance		\$132,655	\$142,683	\$142,683			\$142,683	Dues same as 2021
Ending Balance		\$142,683	\$96,896	\$153,320			\$140,593	
Increase (decrease)		\$10,029	(\$45,787)	\$10,636			(\$2,091)	

### E-mail & Website

The fastest and cheapest way for us to get Runyan Lake community information to members is by e-mail. If you are not on our e-mail distribution list please send your e-mail address to [runyanlakeinc@aol.com](mailto:runyanlakeinc@aol.com). We will not send you unnecessary messages, but will try to keep you informed. We will not share your e-mail address with anyone else.

**Have you checked out our website lately?** There you will find current news, the social calendar, general lake information, classifieds, Lost & Found, sewer information, bylaws, photo galleries, and tons of other information, including links to the Heights and Point association websites. All this and more at [www.runyanlakeinc.com](http://www.runyanlakeinc.com).

### Sewer Leak or Alarm?

**Call 517-546-0040, then press 1, then press 1 again.** Leave a clear and detailed message with your address and telephone number. You will be called back quickly.

### Weed Control

Aquatic weed control treatments were provided by Aqua-Weed Inc. this year. Treatments were applied on June 10<sup>th</sup>, and August 11<sup>th</sup>. More details are available on our website.

## 2021 Fishing Contest Results

Youth (8 and under)			
Category	Place	Winner	Size/Weight
Other	1st	Ava Waligora (Catfish)	11 1/2" / 14 oz
	2nd	Alivia Waligora (Catfish)	11 1/2" / 11 oz
	3rd		
Pan Fish	1st	Zoe Polokowski	9 1/2" / 8 oz
	2nd	Eli Justice (Perch)	10 1/8" / 7 oz
	3rd	Ava Waligora	7 1/2" / 4 oz
	medal	Payton Nowak	
Juniors (ages 9-12)			
Category	Place	Winner	Size/Weight
Bass	1st	Tessa Simeoni	15 1/2" / 1 lb 14 oz
	2nd	Jacob Czop	11 1/2" / 11 oz
	3rd		
Pan Fish	1st	Jacob Czop (Rock Bass)	9" / 8 oz
	2nd	Emelia Justice (Bluegill)	8" / 4 oz
	3rd		
Teen (ages 13-16)			
Category	Place	Winner	Size/Weight
Bass	1st	Owen Okeefe	17 1/2" / 3 lb
	2nd	Dakota Ladd	17 1/2" / 10 oz
	3rd		
Pan Fish	1st	Owen Okeefe (Bluegill)	9" / 9 oz
	2nd		
	3rd		
Adults (ages 17+)			
Category	Place	Winner	Size/Weight
Bass	1st	Andy Nester	20" / 4 lbs
	2nd	Tim Polakowski	17 1/2" / 2 lbs 7 oz
	3rd	Tammy Fishwich	17" / 2 lbs 5 oz
Pike	1st	Tim Polakowski	33 1/4" / 7 lbs 9 oz
	2nd	Jamie Zantop	26 1/4" / 3 lbs 7 oz
	3rd		
Big Fish			
Category	Place	Winner	Size/Weight
Pike	1st	Tim Polakowski	33 1/4" / 7 lbs 9 oz

Thanks to Erik and Doug Smith, owners of HSP Imaging Inc., who donated the trophies and medals this year.

### Sheriff or Marine Sheriff

For emergencies call 911  
For non-emergencies call 517-546-2440

### Fair Warning!

Runyan Lake may be a private lake but it remains under the jurisdiction of the State of Michigan. The DNR and Sheriff have keys to our boat ramp and can access Runyan Lake at any time to enforce State of Michigan boating and fishing laws. Runyan Lake Inc. Bylaws require compliance with State of Michigan boating regulations, including having your boat registered with the state. We encourage you to be sure your boat registration is current. Please boat and fish legally and responsibly!

### Pontoon Bow Riding

Riding on the front (bow) of a pontoon while under way is extremely dangerous and illegal. If someone falls overboard the odds are they will be severely injured or killed. Please consider the safety of your family and friends by not allowing this behavior on your pontoon.

### Michigan Boating Laws

#### Age Restrictions

Persons less than 12 years of age:

- May not operate a boat powered by a motor of more than 35 hp legally under any conditions.

Persons 12 to 15 years of age:

- May operate a boat powered by a motor of more than 6 hp legally only if they:
  - Have passed a boating safety course approved by the Department of Natural Resources and have on board their boating safety certificate or...
  - Are accompanied on board by a person at least 16 years of age.

Persons 16 years of age or older may operate any boat on the waters of Michigan. See stipulations for Personal Watercraft (PWC) below.

#### Personal Watercraft

- Those less than 14 years of age may not legally operate a PWC.
- Those 14 and 15 years of age may operate a PWC legally only if they have obtained a boating safety certificate and...
- He or she is accompanied on board by his or her parent or legal guardian or by a person at least 21 years of age who has been designated by the parent or legal guardian or...
- He or she is operating or riding the PWC at a distance of not more than 100 feet from his or her parent or legal guardian or from a person at least 21 years of age who has been designated by the parent or legal guardian.

Those at least 16 years of age and born after December 31, 1978, may operate a PWC legally only if they have obtained a boating safety certificate. Those born on or before December 31, 1978, may operate a PWC legally without restrictions.

It is illegal to operate a PWC during the period that begins at sunset and ends at 8:00 a.m. "Sunset" means that time determined by the national weather service.

### 100 Foot Rule

Please remember to observe the 100 foot rule – if your watercraft is moving fast enough to create a wake you must stay at least 100 feet from the shore or any boat, dock, or raft.

## Runyan Lake Navigation

Please reference the recommended lake navigation map on our website. If you are new to the lake, there will be two buoys located at each sandbar. To avoid hitting the sand bar do not drive your watercraft between the two buoys unless you are at slow/no wake speed and have trimmed up your motor.

**Wake Surfers** – Please use the areas identified below when possible to minimize damage to shorelines and docked watercraft. If there is no other traffic on the lake it is suggested you use the identified areas bi-directionally. Please be aware your boat wake is large and can cause stability issues for smaller watercraft such as kayaks and peddle boats. The island dock is also taking a beating so that area should be avoided when possible.

**Ski Course** – The ski course is for use by slalom skiers, and for skier safety is in use only during calm water conditions and when no other boat traffic is on the lake. One weekends this is typically from 6:30 am until 9:00 am.

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### Purple Loosestrife Alert

Purple Loosestrife is in season! If you see and can access the invasive plant Purple Loosestrife (spikes of purple flowers), please cut off the blooms and bag them carefully in a plastic garbage bag. Tie up the bag and place it in your trash. One plant has millions of seeds that will fall if not removed. This invasive plant will choke out native plants. Please see our website for more information and pictures.

## RLI Board of Trustees

(Elected each Fall at General Membership Meeting)

|          |                                                                            |                |            |              |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------|--------------|
| Area 1   | - Runyan Lake Heights<br>& Carmer Road, north to # 10051                   | Mike Ostrowski | Trustee    | 810-287-6983 |
|          |                                                                            | Dave Verbeke*  | Trustee    | 810-919-6982 |
| Area 2   | - Carmer Road, north from # 10065<br>& White Lake Road                     | Kevin Johnson  | Trustee    | 810-629-4512 |
|          |                                                                            | Andy Nester*   | Trustee    | 810-241-4144 |
| Area 3   | - Runyan Lake Point                                                        | Pat Maynard*   | Trustee    | 810-629-9254 |
|          |                                                                            | Mark Meisel    | President  | 810-354-5469 |
| Area 4   | - Runyan Lake Road, and<br>& Walnut Shores Drive, south thru # 10320       | Mark Graham    | Vice Pres. | 989-948-1669 |
|          |                                                                            | Mark Waligora* | Trustee    | 586-335-6117 |
| Area 5   | - Walnut Shores Drive, south from # 10314,<br>including Sleepy Shores Path | Ivan Quinn*    | Treasurer  | 810-629-7986 |
|          |                                                                            | Dean Haase     | Trustee    | 612-709-3704 |
| At-Large | Tom MacDonald                                                              | Trustee        |            | 810-629-3147 |

\* Subject to elections at the Fall General Membership Meeting.

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**Enjoy the Fall and Winter!**  
**Have fun but be safe on the water!**  
**Water safety is everyone's responsibility.**  
**Let's keep Runyan Lake accident free!**

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