



# RUNYAN LAKE INC.

## NEWSLETTER

August 2024

PO Box 105, Fenton MI 48430

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## Fall General Meeting Friday, August 23, 2024

**2025 DUES WAIVED RAFFLE !!!!!**

Don't miss out!! One lucky member attending the meeting will WIN the opportunity to have their 2025 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 Spring 2024 General Membership Meeting
- Treasurer's Reports & proposed 2025 budget
- Social Committee Report, 2025 budget
- Election of Trustees
- Drawing for 2025 dues to be waived (see details)
- New / Other Business
  - Goose Control Update
  - Weed Control Update
  - Fireworks Update, 2025 Budget
  - Bylaws Update to comply with PA 68 of 2024
  - Billie Jean Barker Properties Unpaid Dues
  - Dock Improvement Update
  - Appointment of 2024 Audit Committee
  - Approval of 2025 Dues and Budget
  - Other Business
- Announcements
  - Boat Ramp Opening
  - Date of Spring 2025 General Membership Meeting, Friday, May 16, 2025
- Adjournment

### 2024 Fall Social Events

Hot Dog Road – Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Music at the Island #2 – Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>  
 Pig Roast at the Island – Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>

As always please see the website for the latest details!

### Chance to have your 2025 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 2025.

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 2025. The winning lot at the Spring General Meeting is not eligible to enter the Fall General Meeting drawing.

### 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 – John Fialka  
 Area 2 – Kevin Johnson/ Charlie O'Keefe  
 Area 3 – Mark Meisel  
 Area 4 – Mike Simeoni  
 Area 5 – Dean Haase

### 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. 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.

### Financial Report 2024 YTD & Forecast, 2025 Budget

Runyan Lake Inc. Financial Report 7/29/2024							7/29/2024	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed
Description	2023		2024			Year end	2025	2025	2025	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	%	Over (Und)	Forecast	Budget	Budget	Budget	
1 Dues	\$77,960	\$58,855	\$67,735	115%	\$8,880	\$67,865	\$59,275	\$60,525	\$61,775	
12 Social Committee	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
18 Interest	\$2,100	\$1,500	\$1,569	105%	\$69	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	
1a & b Donations/other income	\$224	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$80,284</b>	<b>\$60,355</b>	<b>\$69,304</b>	<b>115%</b>	<b>\$8,949</b>	<b>\$70,365</b>	<b>\$61,775</b>	<b>\$63,025</b>	<b>\$64,275</b>	
<b>Expenditures</b>										
2 Printing	\$386	\$550	\$351	64%	(\$199)	\$550	\$550	\$550	\$550	
3 Postage	\$567	\$800	\$759	95%	(\$41)	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$800	
4 P. O. Box Rental	\$166	\$166	\$176	106%	\$10	\$176	\$176	\$176	\$176	
5 Membership Meetings	\$830	\$900	\$142	16%	(\$758)	\$900	\$900	\$900	\$900	
6 ASTI study	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
7 Weed Control	\$12,268	\$16,000	\$893	6%	(\$15,108)	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000	
7A Weed Harvesting	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
8 State of Michigan Permits	\$633	\$1,300	\$0	0%	(\$1,300)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
9 Hall Rental	\$150	\$150	\$225	150%	\$75	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150	
10 General Supplies	\$270	\$300	\$0	0%	(\$300)	\$100	\$200	\$200	\$200	
12 Social Committee	\$7,422	\$10,000	\$245	2%	(\$9,755)	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	
13 Property Repair & Maintenance	\$38,145	\$12,000	\$0	0%	(\$12,000)	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	
14 Lake Study	\$300	\$350	\$0	0%	(\$350)	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$350	
15 Liens	\$30	\$90	\$0	0%	(\$90)	\$30	\$90	\$90	\$90	
17 Website/hardware/zoom	\$396	\$400	\$217	54%	(\$183)	\$217	\$400	\$400	\$400	
19 Fireworks (Note 1)	\$18,044	\$18,000	\$9,000	50%	(\$9,000)	\$18,000	\$18,500	\$18,500	\$18,500	
20 Property Tax	\$1,657	\$1,700	\$445	26%	(\$1,255)	\$1,600	\$1,700	\$1,700	\$1,700	
22 Legal fees/Consulting	\$0	\$3,000	\$0	0%	(\$3,000)	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	
26 Boat stickers	\$436	\$450	\$442	98%	(\$8)	\$443	\$450	\$450	\$450	
28 Insurance	\$2,714	\$3,000	\$0	0%	(\$3,000)	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	
27 Federal tax & Misc	\$184	\$170	\$600	353%	\$430	\$600	\$500	\$500	\$500	
31 Banking Fees	\$43	\$50	\$0	0%	(\$50)	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	
33 Coalition Efforts	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
34 Goose busters	\$0	\$500	\$0	0%	(\$500)	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$500	
35 non-RLI expense	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
<b>total</b>	<b>\$84,641</b>	<b>\$69,876</b>	<b>\$13,495</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>(\$56,381)</b>	<b>\$64,966</b>	<b>\$69,316</b>	<b>\$69,316</b>	<b>\$69,316</b>	
<b>Summary</b>										
Beginning Balance	\$123,914	\$119,557	\$119,557			\$119,557	\$124,956	\$124,956	\$124,956	
Ending Balance	\$119,557	\$110,036	\$175,366			\$124,956	\$117,415	\$118,665	\$119,915	
Increase (decrease)	(\$4,357)	(\$9,521)	\$55,809			\$5,399	(\$7,541)	(\$6,291)	(\$5,041)	
<b>Contingency Expenditures to be funded out of savings/approved Fall Meeting</b>										
Property Repair & Maintenance		\$1,000	Revenue	\$0	Class A lots	\$ 230.00	\$ 235.00	\$ 240.00		
Legal/Consulting		\$3,000	Expenses	\$245	Class B lots	\$ 225.00	\$ 230.00	\$ 235.00		
Coalition Efforts		\$5,000	net	(\$245)	Class C lots	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00		

### 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. You are responsible for damage from your boat's wake

### 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 operate 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 on the navigation map 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 used only during calm water conditions and when no other boat traffic is on the lake. On weekends this is typically from 6:30 am until 9:00 am.

### 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 confirm 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 both illegal and extremely dangerous. 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.

### Boating Safety Reminders

PWC riders MUST wear life jackets and be off the water by sunset! No towing of surfers/skiers or tubing is permitted during the period of 1 hour after sunset to 1 hour prior to sunrise!

### Island Etiquette

A dog waste station was previously installed but dog waste has become a large issue. RLI has been asked to consider excluding dogs from the island. Please show some respect and clean up after your dogs! For safety reasons no glass is allowed on the island!

### 2024 Fishing Contest Results

Results were not available at the time of publishing. Please see the Runyan Lake Inc. website for the 2023 fishing contest results

Thanks to Erik and Doug Smith, owners of HSP Imaging Inc., for suppling trophies and donations for daily prizes. Thanks to Joe Trollman for donations of daily prizes and fisherman specials.

### Proposed Bylaws Amendment

PA 68 of 2024 establishes regulations over homeowner's associations (HOAs) regarding their ability to regulate solar energy production systems, such as solar panels. RLI already defers all property development requirements to Tyrone Township and/or Livingston County, however PA 68 of 2024 requires HOAs to include the following statements in their Bylaws. RLI proposes the following addition to our Bylaws to comply with the Act:

#### Section 6.01.(a) Solar Energy Systems

RLI defers all solar energy system requirements and approvals to Tyrone Township, Livingston County, the State of Michigan, and any other agency asserting jurisdiction and/or regulatory control. Further, as required by PA 68 of 2024, RLI herein states:

1. Approval of an adjacent home or unit owner is not required to approve a member's application to install a solar energy system on the member's home or unit.
2. RLI will not do any of the following: (A) Inquire into a member's energy usage. (B) Impose conditions that impair the operation of a solar energy system. (C) Impose conditions that negatively impact any component industry standard warranty. (D) Require postinstallation reporting. (E) Require a fee for submitting an application to install a solar energy system above that which it assesses for other applications related to a change to the property. (F) Prohibit a member from resubmitting a written application to install a solar energy system after a written application submitted after the effective date of this act was denied by the homeowners' association. (G) That the homeowners' association will not deny a member's application to install a solar energy system because of the identity of the entity that owns the solar energy system or financing method chosen by the member.

### Weed Control

Aquatic weed control treatments were provided by Aqua-Weed Inc. this year. Treatments were applied on May 30<sup>th</sup> and July 15<sup>th</sup>. More details are available on our website.

### Goose Control

No Geese were removed from the lake this year due to the Avian Flu. We had insufficient signatures to apply for egg harvesting. If you are having Goose issues and are interested in continuing Goose control please be sure you have signed the consent form!

### 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.

### Water Quality

Testing for E. coli bacteria was performed on June 12<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.

### Boat Ramp Use

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 2024 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#
Rob Coffin	248-506-4583
Dan Cypher	810-730-9311
Gary Delamielleure	810-599-4507
Mike Ostrowski	810-287-6983
Tim Polakowski	810-965-6298
Jim Sporer	810-399-5669

### E-mail

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.

### Website

**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.

### Sheriff or Marine Sheriff

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

**Water safety is everyone's responsibility.**  
**Let's keep Runyan Lake accident free!**

**Enjoy the fall and Winter!**  
**Have fun but be safe on the water!**

### RLI Board of Trustees

(Elected each Fall at General Membership Meeting)

Area 1	- Runyan Lake Heights & Carmer Road, north to # 10051	John Fialka* Trustee	248-320-7230
		Dave Verbeke Trustee	810-919-6982
Area 2	- Carmer Road, north from # 10065 & 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 & Walnut Shores Drive, south thru # 10320	Mike Simeoni* Secretary	248-514-3809
		Mark Waligora Vice Pres	810-445-8232
Area 5	- Walnut Shores Drive, south from # 10314, including Sleepy Shores Path	Ivan Quinn Treasurer	810-444-9547
		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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of General Meeting**

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