



GOING FORWARD - PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Dear Gun Lake Friends, Winter took its time arriving this year, but when it arrived, it showed us what winter can be. Hopefully, we got to enjoy the winter skiing, ice fishing, snowmobiling, and evenings by a warm fire to share the day's stories. We will all welcome spring.

I share some exciting news about a couple of things this spring. First, many of you will read this newsletter on our website. In this letter, you will our find out how to enroll in the Gun Lake Protective Association membership online. It's simple. You will find a step-by-step detail in this letter. If I can do it, so can you. You can still join by the traditional methods with our association if you wish.

Secondly, we will be putting boat cleaning stations in the Yankee Springs State Park and Allegan County Park. They are the result of a partnership of the Gun Lake Tribe, Yankee Springs State Park, Allegan County Park, the Gun Lake Improvement Board (GLIB) and the Gun Lake Protective Association (GLPA). The Gun Lake Tribe has purchased three boat wash stations and the partners have worked together to put them around Gun Lake. It will be a valuable tool to help keep the lake clean.

We have had valuable conversations with Yankee Springs Township and Orangeville Township on funneling this winter. It was good to find common practice. We, our Gun Lake Board, are proud of our association. You, the

individuals, make up the association. We stand at 1,100 members, a 22% increase in the last three years. We all don't always agree, but we've had some great successes. Let us continue to grow. There is power in numbers. We, the board, serve you proudly.

Sincerely, Rob Heethuis Gun Lake Protective Association Chairman

HOW TO SIGN UP FOR GLPA

It's very easy to join!

Non-member joining or first time on-line sign -up

- 1. Go to myglpa.com
2. Click Join (at the top of the screen)
3. Option just member or with fireworks
4. Enter your e-mail -enter your web's number
5. Create your password
6. Fill out the information sheet.
7. Pay on-line and enter card number.
8. Verify page.

Already a member (pay on line)

- 1. Go to myglpa.com
2. Go through the information page
3. Confirm
4. Pick an option-just membership or fireworks
5. Enter card number and pay
6. Verify page

WINTERFEST

The 2019 Gun Lake Winterfest was held at the Yankee Springs State Park on Saturday, February 16 and was a great success! This year two southwest Michigan charities were chosen, ensuring that the monies raised would stay right here in our area. Staple events like the Gun Lake Idol finals, vendor tent, kid's activities and petting zoo, the Polar Dip and the beer tasting tent brought people from far and wide for the big day with roughly 3600 people in attendance! We are happy to announce that because of all the support, we are able to donate nearly \$4000 this year!

Reminder

Dues for 2019 are \$25.00 and are due no later than May 1, 2019

DUES REMAIN THE SAME

You should be very proud of the fiscal responsibility of your GLPA Board. The last 16 years dues have been the same. Your donations for our spectacular fireworks are the reason we can keep them at \$25.00.

We sincerely ask you to fill out the enclosed 2019 membership billing invoice, as you want it to appear in the directory, and any fireworks donation. It is critical we receive this information by May 1, 2019, so the data can be compiled and given to our printer.

AREA DIRECTORS

Please review your area for new residents.

E-mail us at: rckc1@charter.net with any pertinent information so we can add them to our database for newsletters asap.

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FIREWORKS!

Make your plans for the Fourth of July Now!

The show starts at 10:20 p.m. on July 6
Rain date is July 7th at 10:20 p.m.

Thank you for your continued donations.
Your donations make this the greatest holiday of the year for our community.



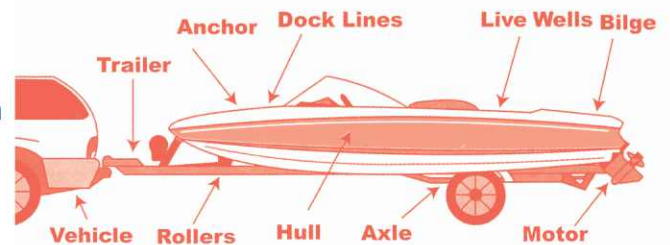
The GLPA has historically presented the Fourth of July fireworks show as a community celebration and patriotism, uniting the community.

NEW BOATING LAW

Aquatic invasive species such as zebra mussels and Eurasian watermilfoil are often introduced and spread through recreational boating and angling activities and can have long-lasting, negative effects. The intention of the new boating law is to stop this from happening by following these steps:

1. **CLEAN** boats, trailers, and equipment. Use a hose or power washer when available.
2. **DRAIN** live wells, bilges and all water before leaving the access site. Disinfect live wells and bilges with a bleach solution (1/2 cup bleach to 5 gallons of water) when possible.

3. **DRY** boats and equipment.
4. **DISPOSE** of unwanted bait in the trash, NOT into the water.



Inspection points on boats, trailers, and vehicles for aquatic invasive species decontamination.

MARK THESE DATES

MAY 1 - PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR DUES AND COMPLETE MEMBERSHIP FORM NO LATER THAN MAY 1

JUNE 29- BARRY COUNTY MARINE PATROL BOATING SAFETY CLASS SHADY SHORES CLUB HOUSE - 9:00 AM

Bring pen, pencil, and a sack lunch. This year, the age for operating personal watercraft unsupervised is age 16. You may obtain a certificate, which you must have, by attending this boaters safety class.

**JULY 6 - FIREWORKS - 10:20 PM
JULY 7 - RAIN BACK-UP DATE - 10:20 PM**

AUGUST 10 - ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SATURDAY, 9:30 AM AT THE GUN LAKE CHAPEL

WHAT'S UP GUN LAKE PADDLERS!

Looking for some summer time fun and adventure, then join Shaka SUP Racing for our 2nd annual "Gun Lake Paddle Battle", Stand Up Paddle Board (SUP) and Kayak race at the public boat launch Saturday, June 1 at 8 am.

We know Gun Lake is a great place to enjoy a summer day...why not start it out with a paddle race! And, whether you are a seasoned paddler or always thought it "looked like fun," we have something for you. Beginners and kids can participate in a short, approximately one mile course and the advanced paddler can take it up a notch in the three or six mile distance courses.

New in 2019, this event is the kickstarter for the Midwest Paddle League racing series with a great after race party for everyone! In addition,

\$5 of your registration fee will go to support Gun Lake Protective Association to help keep our lake beautiful for all to enjoy and an awesome event T-shirt made of recycled plastic bottles, **BUT ONLY GUARANTEED** if you register by Friday, May 17, 2019!

So what are you waiting for? Register now at shakasupracing.com for fun, adventure, competition, charity, helping the environment and celebrating afterward with your new paddling Ohana! Call Elizabeth Maxwell to volunteer for the Paddle Battle at (517) 204-8896

