

GUN LAKE WINTERFEST

We are back!
February 19, 2022

Covid changed much last year, cancelling many events. We are very excited to announce we are back and planning our 2022 Gun Lake Winterfest. This is an outside event along with heated tents, that has something for everyone including the following events:

**Gun Lake Idol • Petting Zoo
Logo Contest • Polar Dip
Food Trucks • Beer Tent
Bean Bag Tournament
Vendor Tent • Trolley
Euchre Tournament
Disc Golf Tournament
Horse Carriage Rides**

Please come out and support us! For more information on events and learn more about our charity "Great Start Collaborative – Trauma Informed Community Initiative", go to gunlakewinterfest.com. We also have sponsorships available. Visit us on FB Gun Lake Winterfest (official)

GUN LAKE PADDLE BATTLE

Shaka SUP Racing will be hosting our 5th annual season opening paddle board and kayak race on Saturday, June 4, 2022 at Allegan County Park. Last year we had a record 70 participants raising money for Gun Lake Protective Association. Our events are for EVERYONE, so no matter your ability we have a division for you. Beginners and youth (which are growing in numbers every year!!) paddle a 1 mile course, and our more experienced paddlers go 3 or 6 miles, which takes about 60 to 90 minutes to complete. The paddle community is very welcoming and we love to see new faces trying the sport for the first time or trying a race now that they have been paddling awhile.

If you are interested in joining us go to @shakasupracing.com or @paddleguru.com for more information and to register. If you don't want to paddle, we always need volunteers to help with the event.



RUBBER DUCKIE REGATTA

Our season finale event, Rubber Duckie Regatta, will be held Saturday, September 17, 2022 at Allegan County Park, supporting Mackenzie's Animal Sanctuary of Lake Odessa, a no-kill farm for dogs. Like all our events, they are for EVERYONE. So bring your SUP or or kayak and have fun raising money for a great cause.

In 2021 we had another great turnout with 68 paddlers, and in 2022, you could be one of them! So register @shakasupracing.com or @paddleguru.com and send summer out with another great time on the water!

GUN LAKE RENTALS are right next door and offer SUPs to rent if you need equipment. Go to the website for information.



Mark Your Calendars

FEB 19 • SAT
GUN LAKE WINTERFEST
at the Yankee Springs
State Park

MAY 1 • SUN
GLPA MEMBERSHIP DUES
— Please submit your dues
and membership information
no later than May 1st

JUN 4 • SAT
**5th Annual "GUN LAKE
PADDLE BATTLE"**
at the Allegan County Park

JUN 25 • SAT 9:00 AM
**MICHIGAN BOATER'S
SAFETY CLASS**
SHADY SHORES RESORT
Bring pen, pencil, and a sack
lunch. 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.
Unable to attend? Go to:
boat-ed.com and get certified

JULY 2 • SAT 10:20 PM
FIREWORKS
JULY 3 • SUN 10:20 PM
RAIN BACK-UP DATE

AUG 13 • SAT 9:30 AM
**ANNUAL GLPA MEETING
FOR MEMBERS; SATURDAY
AT THE GUN LAKE CHAPEL**

SEPT 17 • SAT
**"RUBBER DUCKIE
REGATTA"**
at the Allegan County Park

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MISSION STATEMENT

TO PRESERVE GUN LAKE THROUGH GOOD
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT,
AND FOR THE LIVING AND RECREATIONAL
ENJOYMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION'S MEMBERS.

OVERVIEW OF FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021 GLPA ACTIVITIES WITH PERTINENT EXCERPTS FROM THE
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GLPA, HELD AT THE GUN LAKE CHAPEL, AUGUST 8, AT 9:30 A.M.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

I always feel a little bit of sadness as the summer season ends and I see the docks and boats leave the lake. The beauty of the Fall colors in our area relieves some of that sadness, and as a year rounder here I must say I really do love Gun Lake in all of its seasons. I hope all

of you have enjoyed your summer as well.

GLPA held its Annual Meeting in August as usual. Highlights included attendees seeing fit to unanimously vote to support three year terms for incumbents Dan Ullery, Tom Osterbrock, and myself. It's always nice to have continuity on the Board as each member has his/her own areas of responsibility and expertise.

Our organization remains financially sound and membership held steady this year after a significant rise last year. Barry County Sheriff Bill reported the Marine Patrol logged nearly 600 hours on our lake this summer and that for the first time in three years we had no significant accidents, which was a blessing. Our fireworks team reported a great show and everyone agreed how good it was to be

President's Remarks, continued

able to have our fireworks back this year! Walleye stocking from our ponds was successful in the Spring and GLPA plans to stock another 1,000 walleye this Fall. Fishermen reported a good season. And as of this writing we have finally been able to treat the dam area which has been the worst hit with invasive weed congestion.

GLPA continues to work on three strategic goals; one of which is to increase our visibility, awareness, and membership. New signs are being placed at strategic corners with our logo and the website is greatly expanded and enhanced. Check us out at myglpa.com. We are also working hard to more closely connect and involve our

FISHING REPORT



Anglers were reporting slower walleye fishing into the heat of the summer. In contrast, the panfish bite has improved as we moved through August. Anglers should look forward to a good fall walleye bite as the water cools.

Recap: There were 29,000 spring walleye stocked from our rearing ponds Memorial Day weekend. MIDNR Fisheries Division is asking that all walleye caught from Gun Lake to be reported on the website. **They are also asking for anglers to be on the lookout for fin clipped fish while reporting.** Fish are clipped during fall stocking to evaluate year class recruitment.

Last week we placed an order for our fall Walleye. We have 1000 reserved with our name on them. Delivery is expected mid October-

early November. These walleye are raised in Minnesota. We requested that we will not take delivery on them until the water cools considerably. This has two benefits for us. First, we will receive "larger" fish from that year class at the hatcheries expense. Secondly, we can expect far less mortality from transportation when the water is colder, giving us more bang for our buck. We were told this brood has the same genetic make as Muskegon river where MIDNR harvest their eggs for stocking.

With that said, we encourage anyone interested to come out and help clip fish this coming fall. It's not super labor intensive, but fun to be involved in. We will send everyone another invite when the time comes.

Area Directors. Board member Greg Purcell has done great work in that area. Help us spread the word of the importance of the GLPA to neighbors and friends and encourage others to join. Overall I am pleased with our work this year and wish all of you a healthy and happy off season.

BARRY COUNTY MARINE PATROL

As of 7/30/2021

Patrol Hours: 500.25

Contacts: 1695

Equipment Violations:

4 Citations, 24 Warnings

Reckless Ops:

3 Citations, 15 Warnings

Navigation Rules:

7 Citations, 108 Warnings

PFD's: 8 Citations, 30

Warnings

Registration Violations:

6 Citations, 57 Warnings

TOTAL CITATIONS WRITTEN:

28

TOTAL WARNINGS GIVEN:

234

Complaints: 22

Accidents:

0 Boat, 0 Non Boating

Boaters Safety Class at Shady Shores had 55 Attendees

GLPA BOARD UPDATES

At the August 14, 2021, annual meeting, the following were reelected to a 3 year term:

- Jim Deters
- Dan Ullery
- Tom Osterbrock



FIREWORKS!

Make your plans for the Fourth of July Now!

The show starts at 10:20 p.m. on July 2

Rain date is Sunday, July 3rd at 10:20 p.m.

Thank you for your continued donations.

Your donations make this the greatest holiday of the year for our community.

We were very excited to finally have a fireworks display on the 4th of July after twice being denied a permit due to Covid 19 in 2020. It was truly uplifting to hear the whole lake erupt in applause, cheering, and horn honking during the fireworks Show. **It was good to hear all the unity in these trying times.**

We thank all our partners for all their help in this venture to include all our members for their donations

and patience, Yankee Springs Recreation Staff, emergency personnel from Yankee Springs and Wayland, Barry County Marine Patrol, and Wolverine (the fireworks company) for hanging with us through all the cancellations.

Next year's fireworks have been scheduled for Saturday, July 2nd, 2022, with a rain date of Sunday, July 3rd. We have already been notified that our cost will increase by

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

an estimated 25 percent. Even though we do have some funds escrowed from this past year, we would like to keep a fund to help in case of short falls in the future. **So, we are still asking you for your donations to help us keep having these great fireworks displays.** You can go to our website at www.myglpa.com to pay dues and donate to the fireworks. Thank you for your continued support.

HOW TO RENEW OR BECOME A MEMBER ONLINE

For new members:

1. Go to myglpa.com and click on the "Join Now" box at the top of the page
2. Choose a membership level: "Just the dues" or "Dues with a fireworks donation"
3. Enter your email, and type the jumbled letters/numbers shown, in the "Code" box
4. You will receive a temporary login passcode via email
5. Log in using the temp code; then change your password in the "Profile" section, adding the rest of your information.

For members who have already registered and want to renew their dues/donations:

1. Log in
2. Go to your **"Profile"** listed under your name in the top righthand corner - it will offer a "RENEW" box.
3. You can either do a one-time payment; or leave your card on file for auto renewals

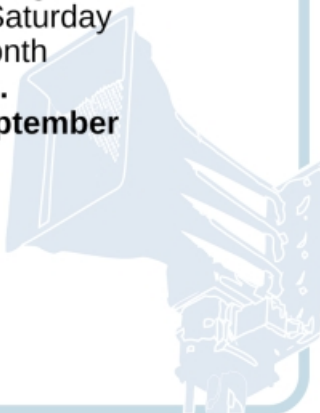
NEW RESIDENTS:

Do you have new neighbors?

Please put them in touch with any GLPA Board member, so we can add them to the newsletter list. This and additional information can be found on the GLPA website www.myglpa.com

GUN LAKE'S WEATHER SIREN

Siren testing will be the first Saturday of the month
1:00 p.m.
April-September



WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS

The lake looked good this year, in spite of heavy use and hot weather. Spot treatments were done in the lake; and the channels were treated for various invasive and/or native overgrowth. The biggest area of concern was the southwest corner of the lake near the dam and inside the "within 1000 feet of a dam is no-spray" rule. However, the water level had dropped enough over the summer to allow spraying in the dam area.

