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President's Corner

Building a new home on Gravel Lake has been both a challenging and rewarding process. We consider ourselves fortunate to be able to do so! It started with a significant rain event and runoff from the road side that eventually overwhelmed our home, accelerating our plan to rebuild. As we have progressed with our plans we've tried to be thoughtful about our impact on the lake. You've heard me talk about impervious surfaces and how they speed unfiltered water into the lake. Given that, we wanted to minimize our impervious surfaces (e.g. roofs, driveway, walkways). We chose to go up rather than out and to incorporate our garage into our build; we went from three structures down to one. Additionally, we've thought about where excess water is coming from (i.e. our roof and downspouts, the hard swale road that concentrates water to the low part of Chamberlin Drive) and where it will go (e.g. our yard, the lake). We've chosen to create several rain gardens to handle some flow as well as creating a small "prairie" of deep-rooted native plants to further help filter and absorb water before it gets to the lake. We're also planning to make a short walkway from our per-

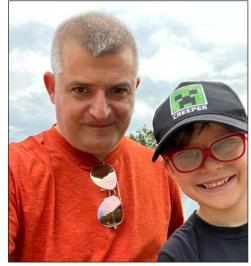


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meable driveway to our door out of permeable pavers. Of course, we can't stop the extreme weather events or the concentrated runoff from the roadway entirely, but we can put a dent in it. When we think about other highly developed lakes in Michigan (e.g. Austin, Eagle, Macatawa, Spring, any lake in Oakland County) that have suffered from harmful algal blooms, unwanted nutrient loading, and heavy sedimentation, it motivates us to do as much as we can to mitigate the impacts from excess runoff. Certainly, there are many, often competing, considerations to manage when building a home (e.g. cost, material availability, size, location). I can understand how considering lake health can fall to the bottom of the list. That said, I hope that increasing awareness of development concerns and potential remedies encourages us to think more broadly about improvement projects and how we can adopt a lower impact mindset.

Craig DeSimone GLA President



Photo: Craig DeSimone

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Low Impact Development Techniques Summary

As we continue to develop the land surrounding Gravel Lake, there are various techniques available for consideration to manage stormwater. The goal is to filter, store, evaporate, or detain as much runoff stormwater as possible. Ultimately, this allows for less contaminants to enter the lake, allowing for a healthier lake.

- Rain Gardens: reduce runoff with a shallow, planted catch-basin
- · Bioretention/bioswale: offset impervious surfaces with a planted area that slows and directs runoff
- Rain barrel or cistern: holds excess water for future use or allowing more time for soil absorption
- · Vegetated roof: fully or partially planted roof to capture more rainwater
- Permeable pavers/pavement: materials specifically designed to allow water to filter to soil and reduce runoff
- Minimize impervious surfaces: achieving living space through multiple vs. single floors, choosing techniques above, managing building size relative to lot size

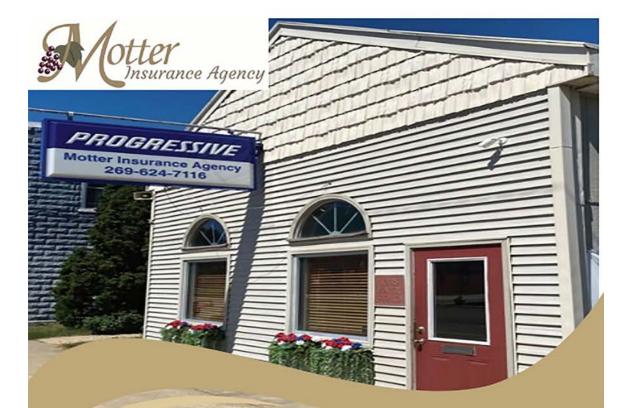
For more information on Low Impact Development (LID) see the following resources: Low Impact Development for Michigan (chapters 6-7):

https://www.swmpc.org/downloads/lidmanual_1.pdf

Washtenaw County Low Impact Development: https://www.washtenaw.org/3056/LID-Low-Impact-Development



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History Committee Update

We have a newly established History Committee on Gravel Lake, currently comprised of Sheri Kurtyak, Jim McGreal, Jamie Paramski, Paul Carlos, Rick Rogers and Suzanne Reed. One of our first projects is to create a History of Gravel Lake publication that would highlight our 10 beaches along with tales about the many people and activities that have made this lake a special place for all of us.



Golden Rule Grocery postcard photo Photo: Stephan Bergenham

We are looking for your help in collecting pictures and stories to tell the history of Gravel Lake. Any information or interesting facts about your beach and the families that live (or lived) there are welcome!

Please let us know if you would be interested in assisting us with this project or if you have anything to contribute.

You can share your pictures and information with us to the following email addresses: vpcarlos@comcast.net and skurtyak@gmail.com

Thank you, Gravel Lake History Committee





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2025 Calendar Of Events

Date	E
Saturday, April 12	E
Sunday, April 20	E
Friday, April 25	Ν
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Saturday, April 26	Ν
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Saturday, May 3	Ν
Sunday, May 11	Ν
Saturday, May 17	E
Monday, May 26	Ν
Saturday, June 7	Ν
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Sunday, June 15	F
Friday, July 4	F
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Event Board of Trustees Meeting Faster Al SA Annual Conference n Muskegon MLSA Annual Conference n Muskeaon MLSA R3 Mother's Day Board of Trustees Meeting Memorial Day Membership Meeting & Picnic ather's Day Fourth of July, GL Fourth activities

Date

Saturday, July 5 Sunday, July 6 Saturday, July 12 Saturday, July 19 Saturday, August 9 Saturday, August 16 Monday, September 1 Saturday, September 20 Saturday, September 27 Saturday, October 11 Monday, October 13

Saturday, October 18 Friday, October 31

Event

GL Fourth activities GL Fourth activities Board of Trustees Meeting Garage Sale Poker Run Membership Meeting Labor Day Board of Trustees Meeting MLSA R3 GLA Halloween Columbus Day, Indigenous Peoples' Day Board of Trustees Meeting Halloween



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2024 Events Thank You

The Gravel Lake Association would like to thank our amazing volunteers who spend their time planning and coordinating fun events for the Gravel Lake community. Additionally, we want to thank all of the volunteers who helped the following people make these events fantastic!

Kids Games

Jen Micheli, Lynndie and Kyle Krueger, Kathy and Mark Drew, Lois Gorbacz, Katie Gorbacz, Tricia Barker, Mary Beth Fewell, and Steve Paramski

Fun Run

Sue Forcash, Tamara Webster, Jen Micheli, Perri Gordon, Steve Paramski, and Melissa DeSimone

Paddle Boat Regatta

Melissa DeSimone, Perri Gordon, Sue Forcash, and Jen Micheli

Garage Sale Day

Linda Vitkauskas

Fall Festival

Phil and Mary Rinaldi, Paul and Vicki Carlos, Jane Gordon, Tom and Kathy Zwartz, Dan and Therese Schuld, Dasher and Maria Lowe, Darla Kelliher, Mike and Jen Garvey, Anne Robinson, Alyssa Pinkos and Jake, and Jackie Valasek

Apparel Sales

Alyssa Pinkos, Susan Eberly, Suzanne Reed, and Vicki Carlos

If you'd like to get involved in GLA events, email Jen Micheli at jmicheli7@hotmail.com.



Purple Martins and Their Migration Patterns in Southwest Michigan



Purple Martins, the largest species of swallows in North America, are known for their remarkable migration patterns. Each year, these aerial insectivores travel thousands of miles between their breeding grounds in North America and their wintering grounds in South America. In southwest Michigan, Purple Martins arrive in late spring, around April or early May, after a long migration from the Amazon basin in Brazil. The region's abundance of wetlands and open fields, rich in insects, provides the ideal habitat for nesting and feeding during the warmer months.

If you have seen a birdhouse "condo" then you've likely been witness to a Purple Martin attraction. During the summer, Purple Martins form breeding colonies, often choosing to nest

in human-provided housing. They exhibit a monogamous mating system, where males compete for nesting sites to attract females. Females typically select males based on the quality of the nesting site, favoring well-maintained houses or gourds that offer protection from predators and weather. Once a pair forms, they work together to raise their brood, which can consist of 3 to 7 eggs.

By late August to early September, after their young have fledged, Purple Martins begin their southward journey. The migration back to Brazil is triggered by decreasing daylight and cooler temperatures, prompting the martins to seek warmer climates where food is more abundant. In Michigan, especially near large water bodies like Lake Michigan and our very own Gravel Lake, communal roosts serve as stopover points before the birds continue their long trek south. The synchronized flocking of the Purple Martin can be something to behold, as these huge roosts can number in the tens of thousands. Additionally, this species of swallow takes off and lands together during times of flight. This year, you may have been lucky enough to witness thousands of the small swallows flying above the weed bed around dusk. Quite an amazing sight to behold, the birds would come out each night to feast on our native insects. Descending from high above the water's surface (even up to 500 feet above) in what seemed to be a coordinated dive, these incredibly skilled aerial hunters chow down on dragonflies, beetles, moths, and sometimes mosquitoes. Contrary to popular belief, mosquitoes are not the preferred meal size for the Martins, and they are often out much later after the birds have already settled in for the night.

Tricia Brucks



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Purple Martins and Their Migration Patterns in Southwest Michigan (continued)

Fun fact:

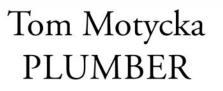
Purple Martins form such dense gatherings that you can see them on a weather radar. It's particularly noticeable in the early morning as the birds leave their roosts for the day, and looks like an expanding donut on the map.

Sources:

https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Purple_Martin/overview https://www.purplemartin.org/ https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Purple_Martin/id https://www.purplemartin.org/purple-martins/



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Free Tree Planting at Gravel Lake

Would you like a free tree or shrub planted?

The Gravel Lake Association Board has voted to partner with the Van Buren Conservation District and Michigan Lakes and Streams Association to apply for a tree planting grant from the US Forest Service. If awarded, we will be able to receive free trees and shrubs as well as tree planting services for properties all around the lake. Trees are an excellent way to help reduce runoff and alleviate flooding issues from rain events. Start thinking about places you would like to place more trees or shrubs on your property. Be on the lookout for more information about available tree species and when planting will take place.



Photo: Jay Emcee



John Deren: Huff's Landing Won't Be the Same Without You!

John Deren is a name and a face many people at Gravel Lake know. He has been a resident of Gravel Lake for 50 years. John came to Gravel Lake in 1974 where he purchased a house on the channel. In 1979, he moved and became a permanent resident on Huff's Landing. This past September, John and his partner, Jean, permantly moved to Florida.



Photo: Frank Gordon

John was a regular at Tuesday Night Spaghetti Dinner at La Cantina in Paw Paw and was a longtime member of the nightly ski club. John is also responsible for establishing the Gravel Lake Association for which he served as the president until our current president, Craig DeSimone, took over that position. There is a great interview with John on the lake website which I encourage everyone to check out.

On a personal note, John has been my neighbor here at Gravel Lake my entire life, and he is a fixture on Huff's Landing. I'm going to miss seeing him in the yard when I'm walking my dog, and as he drives by on the way to his house. But John's love for Gravel Lake will keep him coming back for more; he and Jean will be renting a house on the lake for a while next summer.

Thank you, John, for being a great neighbor for the past four decades and I look forward to seeing you again soon!

Jamie Paramski along with...

Neighbors present...

Greg & Tricia Brucks, Martin Bukacek & Sharon Rudnick, Steve & Monica Carrollo, Tim & Nancy Graham, Paul & Mary Howell, Frank & Kathy Gilhooly, Dan & Marilyn McDevitt, Jim & Liz McGreal, Mike & Jen Micheli, Dennis & Lynn Morkunas, Jamie, Steve, and Dave Paramski, and Tim & Robin Rusthoven (I apologize if I have forgotten anyone!)

...and past

Doc Adams, Dick & Paula Bukacek, Waneta Dragiecevich, George & Louise Ehemann, Mike & Mary Jo Hanley, Tom & Pat Harrell, Norm Kanwisher, Dan Surufka, and Ziggy & Maria Jacyno



Huff's Landing 2024 Picnic

Photo: Anna McGreal

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Photo: Sara Shone Felus



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Meet a Gravel Laker





Meet the Kubiks!

Sean, Megan (formerly Specyal), Koah, and Weston

Where are you from and what do you do?

I am from Munster, IN and my husband, Sean, is from Battle Creek, MI. I have worked at Wakeside Marine for nine years where I manage the storage of all the boats coming in and out. Sean is an English and Speech & Debate teacher at Paw Paw High School, and formerly taught at the Villages Charter School in Florida. Occasionally you'll find him giving tours and tastings at St. Julian Winery, too!

Tell us about your family.

I have been married to the BEST super dad of a husband for seven years now. We have two rambunctious little lake loving dudes, Koah (4) and Weston (1).

Describe your home and its location on the lake.

We have lived on the channel for almost ten years now. Our house is perched on a bluff overlooking the intercoastal lagoon with a fabulous view of the main lake, too.

What is something unique or interesting about your home?

In 2021, we tore the house down and rebuilt a new one to make room for our growing family. When they were excavating it, they found an old glass jar with a note written by the owners of the original house when it was built back in 1958. Their names were Henry and Mabel Pfeifer in case anyone knew of them. They mentioned having the best grandchildren in the whole world, and left some advice reading: "Do what is right, and you will always have friends".

When and why did you first come to Gravel Lake?

I have been coming to Gravel Lake since I was born. My dad actually visited here with a friend when he was younger, and when his parents were looking to find a lake house, their search ended on Gravel Lake. My grandparents Norman and Adeline Specyal purchased their home on Chamberlin Beach in 1978. Now my aunt and uncle own it, and they have since rebuilt it in order to fit their three children and nine grandchildren.

Meet a Gravel Laker (continued)

What is your favorite memory at the lake?

I loved going midnight fishing with my dad when I was little. He taught me everything I know about fishing, and now we get to pass that hobby on to our kids. Koah has picked up fly fishing from his dad, and has already nabbed his first solo catch on his rod with a fly he tied himself!

What is your favorite lake activity?

In the summer we both love to wake surf, but nothing beats a big tie up floating out in the middle. In the winter, we enjoy ice skating and playing hockey on the channel with everyone that is here year-round.

What is your favorite lake animal?

Our favorite lake animal is the pair of loons that visit for a very short time in early spring.

What is your favorite lake holiday?

It's almost too hard to choose, but I'd have to say Halloween now that we have our amazing Fall Festival! I always wished we could trick or treat at the lake when I was a kid.

What is your favorite thing to do nearby (away from the lake)?

My husband and I both love surfing on Lake Michigan whenever the weather brings the waves! We also try to go snowboarding a few times during the winter. We met snowboarding and wine tasting in Traverse City, one of our favorite places to visit annually.

Why is Gravel Lake special to you?

Growing up, Gravel Lake was my home away from home, and created some of my most cherished memories with my family and cousins. As I got older, it also brought me together with my best friend, and there are not many summer weekends when we are not together. When I was old enough to choose where I wanted to settle down and live, I could think of no place better. Sometimes I still can't believe I got so lucky to end up where I am now. We hope to hold onto our house, and pass it down for generations to come.



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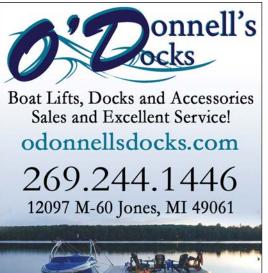
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Kathy & Mark	Drew	Sandy *
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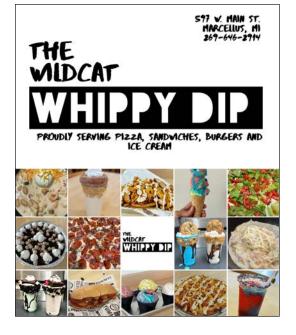






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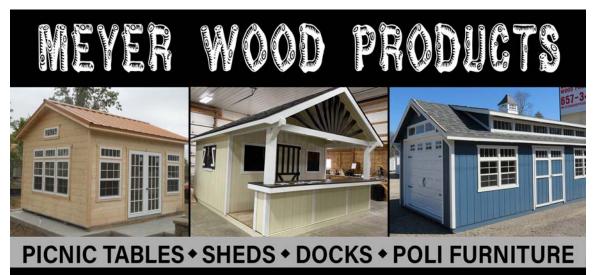
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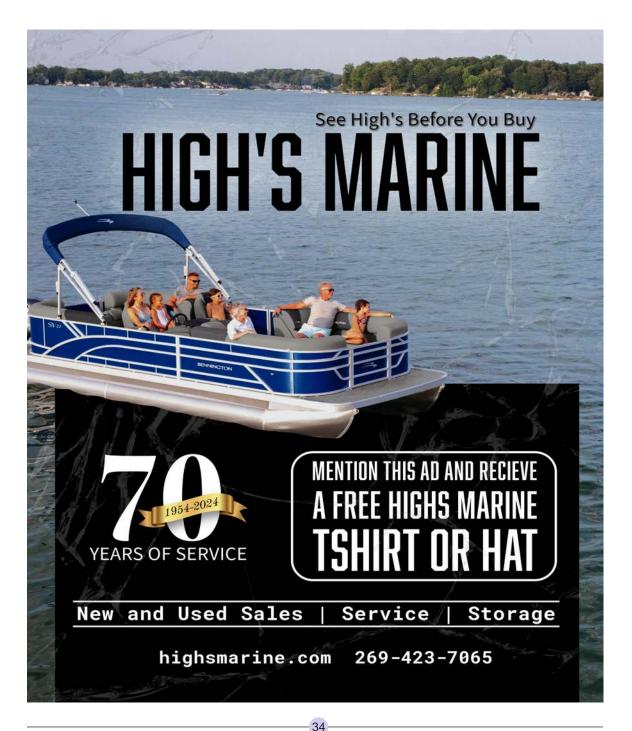
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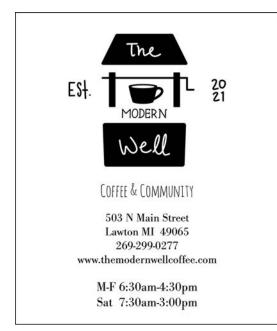


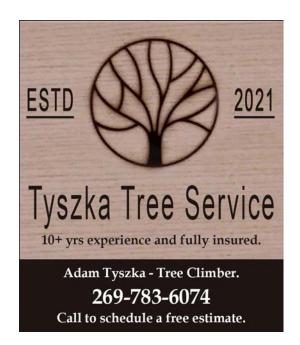
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