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#### **President's Corner**

The Gravel Lake Association is fortunate for the level of volunteerism it enjoys. When I speak to other lake associations, they are impressed with both the breadth of efforts we can cover as well as the enthusiasm people have to get involved. Our strength here is where many other organizations struggle. While I can speak at length about the excellent work of so very many, I would like to focus on the delivery of *The Gravel Laker* newsletter which provides information on a variety of topics in a professional manner.

We can thank Jim McGreal for the sharp, visually appealing design. Spencer McGreal is the person behind the technical build who ensures that the layout and flow works with all of the written and visual components. Tricia Brucks researches and writes educational materials on wildlife in and around Gravel Lake (and has managed to teach something new in every single issue). Emily Garrett builds our connections with new and old neighbors around the lake with her "Meet a Gravel Laker" column. Lois Gorbacz helps us pay the price of printing



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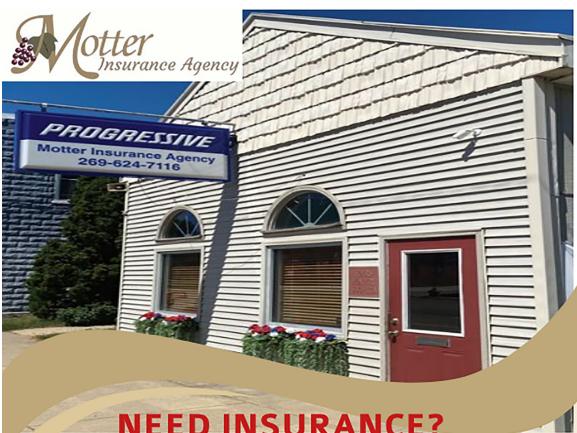
with ad solicitation; she has added a level of rigor that has improved our invoicing, payments received, and number of advertisers. And who coordinates all of these components, keeps articles accurate and concise, while pushing various contributors to deliver their components on time? Jamie Paramski. Thanks to Jamie and Jim's involvement since 2005, we have a publication that's delivered to all homeowners around Gravel Lake. Very few lake association newsletters rival its quality.

This is a truly a team effort to both educate and entertain Gravel Lakers. Please join me in thanking Jim, Spencer, Tricia, Emily, Lois, and Jamie for their work on something for which we can all be proud!

#### Craig DeSimone GLA President



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#### Goodbye To A Gravel Lake Friend



John Parisi, of Sandy Beach and Franklin Park, IL, left this Earth and his wonderful legacy on October 16, 2023. He spent every opportunity throughout every season with his wife, Diane, and many friends and neighbors fishing, boating, and socializing for over 30 years. He will be remembered and missed.

Thank you, Johnny!

All our love for the memories, Steve and Becky Mills



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### 2024 Calendar Of Events

Date	Event	Date	Event
Saturday, April 20	BOT meeting	Saturday, July 13	Garage Sale Day
Sunday, May 12	Mother's Day	Saturday, July 20	BOT meeting
Saturday, May 18	BOT meeting	Saturday, August 10	Poker Run
Monday, May 27	Memorial Day	Saturday, August 17	Membership meeting
Saturday, June 15	Membership meeting	Monday, September 2	Labor Day
	and Picnic	Saturday, September 7	BOT meeting
Sunday, June 16	Father's Day	Saturday, October 12	Fall Festival
Thursday, July 4	Fourth of July	Monday, October 14	Indigenous Peoples' Day
Saturday, July 6	GL Fourth of July		Columbus Day
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#### Kids Games

Jen Micheli, Amy Swalec, Kathy Drew, Lois Gorbacz, Kimmy Craig, and Steve Paramski

#### Fun Run

The Herchenroether family

#### Paddle Boat Regatta

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

#### Garage Sale Day

Linda Vitkauskas

#### **Fall Festival**

Phil and Mary Rinaldi, and Tom Zwartz

#### Poker Run

Liz Zwartz, Alyssa Pinkos, Janice Pinkos

#### **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.





#### Poker Run 2023

Thank you for your participation in the 2023 Poker Run fundraiser! We hope that all participants enjoyed themselves.

The dock hosts deserve a big round of applause! The time and effort they put in did not go unnoticed. Without dock hosts, this fundraiser would not be possible.

#### 2023 Dock hosts:

- · The Patterson family- Winkler Beach Field
- · The Faustino family- Winkler Beach Field
- · The Olds family- Dodgeball
- · The Frohnapfel family- Dodgeball
- · The Sudden family- Used Car Lot
- · The Mencl/Swalec families- Harley Davidson
- · The Betteridge/Baker families- Mardi Gras on BetterBaker Beach

A huge thank you to our 2023 Poker Run Sponsors. Our generous sponsors included Apollo Marine, Wakeside Marine, SeaDek, ShangriLa Farms, Carlson Farms, Modern Buggy, The Allen Group-Five Star Real Estate Leaders, and Pro Dock, Inc.

We had many winners at this year's event. Congratulations to Winkler Beach Field for winning first place in the dock contest. Congratulations are also in order for our 16 poker hand winners. The two best hands were both 4 of a kind.

The tentative date for next year's Poker Run is August 10th. Starting in June 2024, we will begin looking for seven dock hosts. It is never too early to consider volunteering.

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Poker Run Coordinator

	Name	Poker Hand
1st	Mike Porro/Jon Tseng	Four of a kind
2nd	Richard Moore	Four of a kind
3rd	Terry Jones	Full House
4th	Roesch	Full House
5th	Walsh	Full House
6th	Dan Kose	Full House
7th	Dan Price	Full House
8th	Bailey Walter	Full House
9th	Sadowski	Full House
10th	Kathy Drew	Full House
11th	Kate	Full House
12th	Ryan Stewart	Full House
13th	Hailee Svrlinga	Full House
14th	Corinne Plantinga	Full House
15th	Mike Zwartz	Full House
16th	Andy Stefo	Low Hand



Photos: Frank Gordon

#### **Mooring on Bottomlands**

In response to some questions and discussion around mooring one's boat on another owner's bottomlands, we've posted some information on gravellake.org. (See links below.)

While a short overview is provided below, we encourage you to read the more detailed information provided online.

- •In Michigan, riparians (i.e. owners of property directly adjacent to a body of water) typically own the bottomlands of an inland lake to its center (though not the water or wildlife above them).
- •One may not permanently moor (anchor) a boat or place a dock on another owner's bottomlands.
- •Exception is given to temporary mooring that aids in navigation (e.g. fishing) but does not give the right to anchor indefinitely.
- •Floating, without mooring, above another's bottomlands is not prohibited on a public lake.

https://mymlsa.org/government-and-legal-issues/riparian-rights-in-michigan/ https://mymlsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/2018-Winter-Boat-Mooring.pdf

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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. We will provide more information about available tree species and when planting will take place in the fall of 2024.



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#### Protecting Michigan's Waters: What Can You Do?

The following article was published by MSU Extension. To view the article in its original format visit https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/protecting\_michigans\_waters\_what\_can\_you\_do.

Terry Gibb, Michigan State University Extension and Maureen Nelson, Lake and Stream Leaders Institute - August 17, 2015

Individuals can have a positive impact on water quality and quantity by changing some actions to reduce stormwater.

Michigan is a state defined by water. According to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Michigan has "more than 11,000 inland lakes, 76,000 miles of rivers, 6.5 million acres of wetlands, and more than 3,200 miles of freshwater coastline.

It is not a stretch to say that water is one of Michigan's greatest assets. While Michigan has a seemingly endless supply of clean water, it still faces many threats. It is up to us to protect these precious resources from potential impairments where we can.

Two of the many ways in which our waters are threatened are impervious cover and stormwater runoff. Impervious cover is any surface that does not allow for the infiltration of water back into the landscape and the recharge of groundwater. Some examples are human-made structures such as rooftops, driveways, roads, compacted soils, and certain types of lawns and golf courses. The implications of impervious cover on our waterways are not only on water quantity, but also water quality. As stormwater runs over impervious surfaces, it picks up pollutants and carries them to water bodies through stormwater drains or ditches, thereby depositing contaminants, such as oil and grease from pavement, pesticides, or nutrients from excess fertilization.

As bleak as this sounds, there are numerous, simple changes you can do as an individual to make long-term differences. One of the easiest ways is through native landscape design. This approach to landscaping has many benefits, such as reducing the amount of turf grass and supporting water resources in several ways.

Native plants, because they are adapted to local climate, flourish with little maintenance throughout the season, thus reducing the impact on water resources. Native plants require less watering because they evolved locally and adapted to the climate. Their roots extend deeper into the soil than turf grass; therefore, they are heartier, more drought resistant, and absorb more water. This helps stabilize soils, reduces runoff and erosion, and requires less watering. Less watering means more water left in streams and the ground.

Since we're mentioning water quality, native plants require little to no fertilizer or pesticides. Reducing fertilizer and pesticide use decreases the amount of chemicals and nutrients entering waterways. On average, homeowners nationwide use 67 million pounds of pesticides annually on lawns, and 40-60 percent of the nitrogen and phosphorous used to fertilize lawns ends up in ground and surface waters, according to the EPA. These excess nutrients can lead to harmful algal blooms, such as the recent events in Lake Erie around Toledo.

Native landscaping can be used everywhere as well. For example, in wetter areas such as Michigan, you can

#### Protecting Michigan's Waters: What Can You Do? (continued)

install a rain garden in your yard. Rain gardens help absorb stormwater slowly, so as not to contribute to runoff. This slow infiltration prevents flooding, erosion, and non-point source pollution associated with urban runoff.

Urban stormwater runoff collects pollutants, such as excess nutrients and oil and grease, and enters our waterways in many locations, but primarily through stormwater drains. Stormwater collects in and runs along curbs to these drains which ultimately end up in our local waterways. By reducing runoff through native land-scaping or reducing pollutants entering the drains by sweeping up yard clippings, you are helping to protect Michigan's precious water resources.

Another activity to help protect our waters is by contacting your municipality to inquire about water-related policies and ordinances and their education and outreach requirements for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permits. As a homeowner, you can engage your homeowner association or neighborhood in volunteer efforts. For example, you can mark local stormwater drains with the message "Do not dump – drains to local waterways" to raise awareness and help reduce pollution.

While there are many challenges facing Michigan's vast water supply, it is important to keep in mind there are many things you can do as an individual to help protect the asset that literally defines our state. Here are a few additional suggestions to consider:

- Proper disposal of hazardous and toxic materials
- Rain barrels
- Water conservation practices

For information on specific native plants, see **Michigan State University Extension** bulletin E-2973 "**Attracting Beneficial Insects with Native Flowering Plants**" or by visiting your local MSU Extension office.

The **Michigan State University Extension** has a number of articles on rain gardens, rain barrels, and hard-scaping alternatives.

This article was published by **Michigan State University Extension**. For more information, visit **https://extension.msu.edu**.



Photo: Annie Page

#### Meet a Gravel Laker





#### Meet the Tokarskys!

Matt, Alexis, Henry, and Brooks Tokarsky

#### Where are you originally from?

Matt is originally from Cincinnati, OH and Alexis is from the Chicago area.

#### Tell us about your family.

We met at Yard Games 2012. Mutual friends, Kyle Harbison and Jamie Paramski, set us up and we've been together ever since. We owned a home on Gravel Lake Drive in the channel for about 6 years before moving to Gebhard Beach. In that time, we got married in 2015, had our first little boy, Henry, in 2017, and our second little boy, Brooks, in 2019.

# Describe your home and its location on the lake.

Our home is located on Gebhard Beach. It's white with black shutters. We purchased it about three years ago from Dale and Joann Hans who had been in the home for over 50 years.

# What is something unique or interesting about it?

Our house is known as the "wishing well house". Dale originally built the wishing well, and though it's not a functioning well, it still stands today.

#### What year was it built, and have there been any improvements?

Like many of the other cottages on the lake, our home was built in the 1950s. Originally a ranch, the basement was made functional by carrying the entire kitchen down to the lower level. We've since updated the kitchen, bathroom, and deck. It's a work in progress, but it's the perfect size for our family.

#### When and why did you first come to Gravel Lake?

Matt had been coming to Gravel Lake for over a decade before we met, visiting friends like the Fortneys, the Paramskis, and the Eggers. Matt quickly made friends and became a regular face around the lake. In 2012 we were both invited by friends to attend Yard Games. It happened to also be Alexis's birthday weekend. We clicked and have been coming back for the last 11 years.

#### What is your favorite memory at the lake?

It's so hard to choose! I would say weekend we met in 2012. We also had a blast last summer with our 100-foot slip-and-slide that we set up on the hill at Steph and Joe May's house. The kids LOVED it! (Editor's note: The adults also loved it, and a few of us were a little banged up after going down said slip-and-slide.)

#### Meet a Gravel Laker (continued)



#### What is your favorite lake activity?

Our favorite lake activity is swimming with our friends. Our boys are early risers, so you can find us in the water from the early morning to the evening. Whether it's jumping off the dock, playing with sand toys or water blasters, or going tubing, we love being in the water.

#### Do you have a favorite lake animal?

Our kids love getting to see the birds. From the adorable ducks in the channel to the bald eagle flying above our house, the birds are a hit.

#### What is your favorite lake holiday?

Fourth of July, hands down! In our family, we celebrate many July birthdays. During the week of the Fourth of July, many members of our family rent cottages on the lake so that we can spend the week together celebrating. It's our favorite week of the year!

#### Favorite thing to do nearby (away from the lake)?

We haven't really ventured much off the lake. Once we get to the lake we don't want to leave.

#### Why is Gravel Lake special to you?

Gravel Lake is so special to us because of the memories we've built. We met on the lake, got engaged on the lake, all of our friends are here, and we're raising our kids here. We love the community and plan to stay for many generations to come!



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#### Cormorant





A healthy body of water with a thriving ecosystem can be attractive to an abundance of wildlife, and it's always exciting each year when waterfowl use Gravel Lake as a layover on their travels. 2023 brought a rare sighting when a pair of cormorants stopped by for a short stay at the end of the summer. This large black diving bird has an elongated body, a thin neck, and a yellowish-orange patch of skin on its face. The cormorant can be around 35 inches long when full grown, and often floats low in the water. They have teal-colored eyes and the inside of their mouth is bright blue.

The double-breasted cormorant is not selective when it comes to habitat or food. It can be found almost anywhere near water including lakes, rivers, bays, or by the sea. They build their nests on the ground, in trees, or nesting in sea cliffs. Cormorants can be found in the Caribbean, South America, Mexico, Alaska, and the continental United States. These large birds will eat a variety of aquatic life such as fish, crabs, frogs, eels, and plants, and they have been known to feast on snakes and salamanders as well.

The cormorants continue their laid-back ways when it comes to choosing a nesting area. They typically nest near water in colonies, but will sometimes nest in trees or cliffs as well. They have been observed nesting in both coastal and inland areas. If their chosen habitat has cold winters, they will migrate to ice-free waters during winter months.

Cormorants have feathers that are not completely waterproof, so they often spread their wings out to dry in the sunshine, even when floating in the water. It may seem counterproductive to have a water bird with soaked wings, but scientists think this adaptation is to help them glide quicker and smoother during underwater pursuits of their prey.

During nesting seasons, cormorants develop a double crest of feathers that curl backward on their head. Their throat feathers also turn a darker orange and their eyelids turn blue. Cormorants will begin to breed when they are about three years old. The males work hard to attract a mate by showing off some fancy skills on the water, including diving in interesting patterns and flapping their wings against the water. On land, the cormorant males will vibrate their wings and voice their low, throaty call to the females. The cormorant call sounds similar to a bullfrog. Once paired, work on the nest begins. The male brings building supplies to the nesting site while the female works on construction. Adults take turns incubating the eggs. After the eggs hatch, both parents work hard to keep the babies nourished and healthy. The babies venture out from ground nests around three weeks, and learn to fly at five weeks. They are fully independent around ten weeks. The life expectancy of a cormorant is 10 years.

The double-breasted cormorant saw a drastic decrease in numbers from 1940-1970 when DDT, an agricultural

#### **Cormorant (continued)**

pesticide, was being used. The cormorants were not consuming this chemical directly, but indirectly by eating prey that had either been exposed to, or eaten crops or plants treated with DDT. The chemical mainly affected the hardiness of the cormorant eggs, making them too thin to protect an unhatched baby, which in turn led to a population crash. After the banning of DDT in the 70s they began to steadily make a comeback, and in recent years numbers have been so high that fisherman find them to be a nuisance. Because the cormorant can eat up to one and a half pounds of fish a day, they are in direct competition with the fishing industry. Studies have even shown that cormorants have become habituated to fish stocking trucks and will counteract the efforts by consuming the young fry meant for stocking. Michigan has a lethal permit policy that allows some removal of cormorants at sites where they are considered a nuisance. However, more conservative efforts to limit cormorant populations are being used widely as well, such as removal of nests and site dispersal.

#### Tricia Brucks

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Moon	Rimes	Streeter	
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Lamar	Brooks	Willow	
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