



RUNYAN LAKE INC.

NEWSLETTER

August 2026

PO Box 105, Fenton MI 48430

www.runyanlakeinc.org

Fall General Meeting

Friday, August 28, 2026

2027 DUES WAIVED RAFFLE !!!!!

Don't miss out!! One lucky member attending the meeting will WIN the opportunity to have their 2027 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 2026 General Membership Meeting
- Board Updates
- Election of Trustees
- Drawing for 2027 dues to be waived (see details)
- Committee Updates
 - Finance Committee – Ann Barth
 - Communication Committee – Michael Czarnota
 - Island Committee – Michael Czarnota
 - Lake Committee – Kevin Johnson
 - Lake Access Committee – Tom MacDonald
 - Governance Committee – Dan Cypher
 - Social Committee – Michael Ewles
- New / Other Business
 - Appointment of 2026 Audit Committee
 - Approval of 2027 Dues and Budget
 - Other Business from Members
- Announcements
 - Boat Ramp Opening
 - Date of Spring 2027 Meeting, Friday, May 14, 2027
- Adjournment

2027 RLI dues waived?

Attend the Fall General Membership Meeting for a chance to have your 2027 dues waived. Members must sign in before 7 PM. One entry is allowed per RLI lot number/tax ID, and the winner must be present when the drawing occurs. Only the winning lot's 2027 dues will be waived. The Spring Meeting's winner is not eligible.

Trustee Nominations

The following nominations for open Trustee positions have been received. An absentee ballot and proxy assignment form will be available prior to the Fall General Meeting.

Area 1 – John Fialka	Area 4 – Ann Barth / Kurt Hamilton
Area 2 – Kevin Johnson	Area 5 – Rob Coffin /
Area 3 – Tom MacDonald	Dean Haase / Jackie Dziadzio

Proxy Assignment / Absentee Ballot

Proxy Assignments and Absentee Ballots are available for Members who cannot attend the General Membership meeting. Forms may be downloaded and printed from our website or obtained from any Trustee. A Proxy Assignment authorizes another RLI Member to vote on your behalf for existing ballot measures and any new business voted on during the Fall Meeting, while an Absentee Ballot allows you to cast your vote directly. Completed forms must be printed, signed, and submitted in compliance with RLI Bylaws Section 4.01(g), either by delivering them to a Trustee or by scanning and emailing them.

<https://runyanlakeinc.org/meetings/>



2026 Fall Social Events

Boat-In Movie on Runyan Lake – September 6th
Taste of the Lake – September 12th

Financial Report 2026 YTD & Forecast, 2027 Budget

Runyan Lake Inc. Financial Report 7 31 2026							
Description	Revenue	2025		2026		Year end	Forecast
		Actual	Budget	Actual	%	Over (Under)	
1 Dues		\$ 68,308.18	\$ 69,275.00	\$ 74,745.10	108%	\$ 5,470.10	\$ 75,000.00
12 Social Committee		\$ -	\$ -			\$ -	\$ -
18 Interest		\$ 3,074.92	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,707.01	68%	\$ (792.99)	\$ 3,500.00
1a & b Donations/other income		\$ 332.00	\$ -	\$ 72.00		\$ 72.00	\$ -
Total		\$ 71,715.10	\$ 71,775.00	\$ 76,524.11	107%	\$ 4,749.11	\$ 78,500.00
Expenditures							
2 Printing		\$ 530.67	\$ 720.00	\$ 213.16	30%	\$ (506.84)	\$ 720.00
3 Postage		\$ 740.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 340.78	26%	\$ (959.22)	\$ 1,300.00
4 P. O. Box Rental		\$ 235.00	\$ 176.00	\$ 192.00	109%	\$ 16.00	\$ 192.00
5 Membership Meetings		\$ 759.64	\$ 900.00	\$ 361.60	40%	\$ (538.40)	\$ 900.00
7 Weed Control		\$ 14,902.50	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 21,880.00	146%	\$ 6,880.00	\$ 25,000.00
7A Weed Harvesting/Water Quality		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 259.00	New Expense	\$ 259.00	\$ -
8 State of Michigan Permits		\$ 190.78	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
9 Hall Rental		\$ 300.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 300.00	200%	\$ 150.00	\$ 225.00
10 General Supplies		\$ 694.52	\$ 300.00	\$ 916.15	305%	\$ 616.15	\$ 1,000.00
12 Social Committee		\$ 4,530.29	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 7,311.70	73%	\$ (2,688.30)	\$ 10,000.00
13 Property Repair & Maintenance		\$ 1,169.27	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,318.54	66%	\$ (1,681.46)	\$ 5,000.00
14 Lake Study		\$ 8,435.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ -	0%	\$ (8,000.00)	\$ 8,000.00
15 Liens		\$ 30.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 144.00	96%	\$ (6.00)	\$ 150.00
17 Website/hardware/zoom		\$ 149.69	\$ 233.00	\$ 407.74	175%	\$ 174.74	\$ 233.88
19 Fireworks		\$ 18,500.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 19,000.00	95%	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ 19,000.00
20 Property Tax		\$ 1,659.53	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,645.87	103%	\$ 45.87	\$ 1,645.00
22 Legal fees/Consulting		\$ 4,207.50	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 480.00	16%	\$ (2,520.00)	\$ 3,000.00
26 Boat stickers		\$ 449.12	\$ 450.00	\$ 463.22	103%	\$ 13.22	\$ 463.00
28 Insurance		\$ 3,208.73	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	0%	\$ (3,000.00)	\$ 3,600.00
27 Federal tax & Misc		\$ 1,228.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 893.00	149%	\$ 293.00	\$ 893.00
31 Banking Fees		\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ (18.00)	-36%	\$ (68.00)	\$ -
34 Goose busters		\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	0%	\$ (500.00)	\$ -
total		\$ 61,920.24	\$ 71,129.00	\$ 58,108.76	82%	\$ (13,020.24)	\$ 81,321.88
Summary							
Beginning Balance		\$ 125,189.02	\$ 134,983.88	\$ 134,983.88			\$ 134,983.88
Ending Balance		\$ 134,983.88	\$ 135,629.88	\$ 153,399.23		\$ 17,769.35	\$ 132,162.00
Increase (decrease)		\$ 9,794.86	\$ 646.00	\$ 18,415.35			\$ (2,821.88)

Contingency Expenditures to be funded out of savings/approved Fall Meeting

Property Repair & Maintenance				\$1,000
Legal/Consulting				\$3,000
Coalition Efforts				\$5,000

2026 Fishing Contest

It was a robust week of Fishing had by all to celebrate our 30th Annual Fishing Contest. The biggest surprise was the number of perch weighed in compared to previous years (yum, perch). Visit the website for final results:

<https://runyanlakeinc.org/fishing/>



Thanks to Jimmy's Mobil for donations of daily prizes and fisherman specials.

Weed Control

Aquatic weed control treatments were provided by Aqua-Weed Inc. this year. Treatments were applied on May 20th and June 8th. There is a weed observation form to report obsessive weed growth, and more details on weeds are available on our website: <https://runyanlakeinc.org/invasive-watch/>



Goose Control

Lessons were learned during egg harvesting in 2026, and we will continue to improve in 2027. If you are experiencing goose issues and wish to participate in ongoing Goose Control efforts, please ensure you have signed the consent form on the website and report any eggs or nests using our Geese Observation form: <https://runyanlakeinc.org/goose-management/>



Water Quality

Testing for E. coli bacteria was performed on June 22nd. 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:

<https://runyanlakeinc.org/lake-ecosystem/>



Boat Ramp Use

1. There are no set open hours for the boat ramp. You may still call or text gatekeepers or Area Trustees to arrange a time, but the preferred method is to schedule through the ramp request system on our website. Please provide at least 24 hours' notice so we can group boat launches when possible.

Ramp Requests:

<https://runyanlakeinc.org/boat-ramp/>



2. To use the RLI boat ramp, the following requirements apply under our Bylaws and State law:

- RLI annual dues must be paid for all lots owned;
- Watercraft must be titled to Runyan Lake riparian property owners or their renters (State/local law);
- Michigan watercraft registration must be current and displayed (State law);
- A 2026 RLI boat sticker must be on the watercraft;
- An RLI liability waiver must be on file.

3. Watercraft and trailers coming from another lake must be clean to prevent invasive species. Please ensure any marina or trailer service you use follows the same requirement. This has been State law since 2019.

Protect your lake.

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.org.



E-mail

E-mail remains the fastest and most cost-effective way for us to share important Runyan Lake community information with members. If you are not currently receiving our messages, please take a moment and send your preferred e-mail address to treasurer@runyanlakeinc.org so we can add you to the distribution list. We limit our communications to relevant updates and meeting notices, and we do not share e-mail addresses with any outside parties. Please also include your name and lake address in the body of your email.

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!

Water safety is everyone's responsibility, and we all play a part in keeping Runyan Lake accident-free. During island social events, or whenever the RLI barge with porta-potties is positioned at the island dock, please maintain a wide berth when towing or operating your boat near the dock. Boat wakes can push the barge into the dock, causing costly damage to both structures. Your cooperation helps protect shared property and keeps the lake safe for everyone. For additional guidance, please review our boater safety information at:

<https://runyanlakeinc.org/lake-use-safety/>



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
Area 2	Carmer Road, north from # 10065		
	& White Lake Road		
	Kevin Johnson*	Trustee	810-629-4512
Area 3	Runyan Lake Point		
	Pat Maynard		
	Tom MacDonald	Trustee	810-252-0364
Area 4	Runyan Lake Road, and		
	& Walnut Shores Drive, south thru # 10320		
	Ann Barth*	Treasurer	248-797-3533
Area 5	Walnut Shores Drive, south from # 10314,		
	including Sleepy Shores Path		
	Michael Czarnota	Rec Secretary	248-252-2194
At-Large	Rob Coffin*		
	Andy Nester	Trustee	248-506-4583
At-Large			810-241-4144

* Subject to elections at the Fall General Membership Meeting.

***** OPEN RAMP WEEKENDS RETURN FOR FALL 2026 *****

RLI will again offer open ramp days this fall for Members who need to remove their boats for winter storage. On these dates, the ramp will be staffed **and no ramp request is needed**:

September 26–27 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

October 3–4 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

During these hours, Gatekeepers and/or Trustees will be present at the ramp, and Members may bring their boats for launch or removal without scheduling in advance. Outside of these dates and times, the normal ramp request process applies.

***** 30 DAY NOTIFICATION OF RLI BOARD OF TRUSTEE CHANGES *****

In accordance with RLI Bylaws, this notice serves to inform the membership of recent changes to Board leadership and trustee assignments. On July 18, President Mark Meisel stepped down from his position effective immediately. Under the succession provisions of the Bylaws, Vice President Michael Ewles assumed the role of President. At the next Trustee meeting, the Board elected David Verbeke to serve as Vice President. To fill the resulting vacancy in Area 3, Trustee Tom MacDonald stepped down from his At-Large position and was appointed to the Area 3 role. The Board then appointed Andy Nester to the At-Large trustee position to maintain full Board representation as required by the Bylaws. All appointment votes were unanimous by the Board. The Board recognizes and thanks Mr. Meisel for more than 15 years of dedicated leadership and service to Runyan Lake, Incorporated.

***** NOTICE OF PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS AND FALL VOTING *****

In accordance with Article VII of the RLI Bylaws, notice is hereby given that several proposed amendments **will be presented for Member vote** at the Fall General Membership Meeting. These amendments are being brought forward to clarify existing provisions, modernize language, and align the Bylaws with current operational practices. **Members will vote on each amendment individually**, and adoption requires a two-thirds majority of Members voting in person, by absentee ballot, or by proxy.

The complete text of all proposed amendments is available for Member review. Please use the link below to download the full document from the RLI website, or scan the QR code provided in this newsletter to access it directly.

<https://runyanlakeinc.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/Proposed-Bylaw-Amendments-August-2026-Fall-General-Member-Meeting.pdf>





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