




Friends of the Boyne River

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“The purpose of the Friends of the Boyne River is to improve and conserve the environmental health and recreational quality of the Boyne River and its watershed.”

2026 Friends of the Boyne River Bulletin

We're pleased to announce 2026 activities. Save the dates, then watch for reminders and updates.



What is Friends of the Boyne River? We are a volunteer driven, non-profit group dedicated to protecting and improving the river. Members are anglers, paddlers, bird watchers, nature lovers, local residents and community members interested in protecting natural resources through conservation, education and community involvement.

Some of Our Activities ~ River stewardship and monitoring to track river health ~ River sweeps to remove trash and debris ~ Invasive species control such as managing purple loosestrife ~ Educational programs and guest speakers ~ Scholarships for students studying environmental fields ~ Habitat and access projects including creation of the Boyne River Nature Area which provides trails, boardwalks and river access

Join us at boyneriver.org

2026 Guest Speakers

Co-hosted by the Boyne District Library Bring a friend ~ No reservation ~ Public Welcome

June 10, Wed., 7pm, Boyne District Library

Tom Darnton, Lake Charlevoix Association **Preserving the Beauty of Our Watershed**

Tom will emphasize the importance of proactively taking care of our watershed. He'll highlight how healthy shorelines, thoughtful landscaping and community care all contribute to a thriving watershed. It takes many partners working together to keep the rivers and the lake resilient, beautiful and well-loved.



Tom Darnton



Dr. Palazzolo

August 19, Wed., 7pm, Boyne District Library

Dr. Carl Palazzolo **Michigan's Majestic Bald Eagles**

Dr. Palazzolo is accomplished wildlife veterinarian and photographer who has traveled to all seven continents, providing medical care for injured wildlife. He is making a dozen presentations in Michigan this summer, and is also writing a book highlighting Michigan's bald eagle. Book proceeds will benefit the Michigan Wildlife Medical Volunteer Team. Join us to learn about eagles in Michigan and get up close with a live, truly majestic bald eagle.

NEWS



We had great candidates for our 2026 environmental studies scholarship. **Blaise Sytsma-Reed**, Charlevoix HS, was awarded \$2,000 toward studying marine biology at U of M. *Congratulations, Blaise!*

We're taking a year off from distributing purple loosestrife-eating beetles this year because of price increases. The program works and we hope to continue next year.



Boyne USA, Inc., owner of the hydroelectric dam on Dam Road, applied to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for a 30-40 year license renewal for the 100+ year old dam. They must meet safety and regulatory standards. FERC is expected to approve or deny the application soon. The current license expired January 31, 2022. See more on our website boyneriver.org.

~ Save 2026 Dates ~
Volunteers Welcome

April 24 (Fri) 10-12pm
Arbor Day Celebration - Boyne City's Veterans Park Pavilion

The FoBR and the Boyne Valley Garden Club are giving away American Mountain Ash, Red Maple, American Basswood and Red Oak seedlings. The City is giving away Red and White Pine, and Blue and Norway Spruce.



Red Maple

May 5 (Tues) & **Sept 8** (Tues) 9am-noon.
Join the STREAM TEAM volunteer river monitors

The presence or absence of pollution-sensitive "water bugs" indicates river health. Help catch and identify them. We work with experts from the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council. 231-330-2923 for details



Monitoring



BRNA Spruce Up

June 16 (Tue) 10-Noon "Spruce Up" at Boyne River Nature Area and rain garden. Bring garden tools to mulch memorial trees, pull weeds, weed whip and plant flowers to prepare for summer visitors. Followed by a light lunch. Located in the Boyne City Business Park off M-75 S.



New Signage

May or June

New plant identification signs are almost all installed at the Boyne River Nature Area. Watch for a celebration later this spring. Located in the Boyne Business Park off M-75.

June 24, (Wed) 10am "River Explorers for Kids"

Geared to 4-8 year olds, we are partnering with the Charlevoix Conservation District and the Boyne District Library for a hands-on nature experience in Old City Park.

Details to come.



Aug 15 (Sat) Boyne River Sweep, 9am-noon

Meet at Veterans Park boat launch. Bring a kayak and .pdf to paddle from Dam Rd., or walk streambanks.

Questions? 231-330-2923



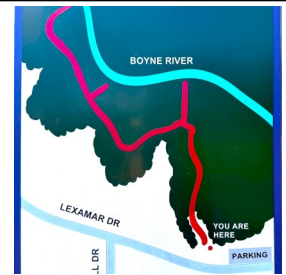
Successful River Sweepers

Sept 2 (Wed) Annual Membership meeting, Veterans Park Pavilion, Boyne City

Dec 5 (Sat) Member Christmas Social at Boyne City Hall



Take time this year to visit the Boyne River Nature Area. Located in the Boyne City Business Park just off the Boyne Valley Trailway, the park has an upper 1/4-mile trail through a deciduous forest. The trail down hill from the pavilion leads to three boardwalks, each winding through wetland to the river. Peaceful and quiet, take a fishing pole or birding binoculars. Have your lunch at the river on benches. In the summer, we sponsor a portable restroom.



2026 Board of Directors meets fourth Wednesdays, 6pm, Boyne District Library Community Room

Adam Kennedy, President
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Candy Greene, Exec. Com. Mbr at Large

Directors:
Sam Day Jeff Freeman
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We're looking to fill a couple vacancies!

*Special shout out to
Lorraine Manary
who volunteered to be
interim bookkeeper!*

**Thank you for renewing your 2026 membership!
Welcome new members!
Your support of river activities is appreciated.**

