




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.”

2024 Friends of the Boyne River Bulletin

Dear Members,

The board was busy this quarter planning activities.

- * We're pleased to announce the 2024 schedule of guest speakers and membership activities!
- * Annual goals were set in January including some Boyne River Nature Area improvements.
- * Updating the web sight was high on the list. The website will include speakers, events and news.
- * Water level data texted at five river locations is still collected by our scientists. Keep texting!

~ Board of Directors



Website QR

We're excited to announce the 2024 Guest Speakers

Boyne District Library community room ~ Bring a friend. No reservation needed.

Co-hosted by the Boyne District Library

April 10, Wed., 7pm

Treasures of the Little Traverse Conservancy Preserves
Kieran Fleming, Exec. Director
Little Traverse Conservancy



Kieran Fleming

Kieran will talk about the conservancy's work in Northern Lower Michigan and the many outdoor opportunities to enjoy conservancy preserves and reserves.

May 8, Wed., 7pm

Counting Critters
Shelby Adams, Michigan DNR
Pigeon River Country



Shelby Adams

To successfully manage wildlife in the Pigeon River Country, wildlife biologists in Michigan survey large and small species – from elk and wolves to Kirtland's Warblers. We'll learn how the data is collected and then used to expertly manage wildlife diversity.

June 12, Wed., 7 pm

CRA and River Restoration
Kim Balke, Program Director
Conservation Resource Alliance



Kim Balke

For more than a century, CRA has been at the forefront of initiatives that enhance Michigan's natural wonders. Kim will highlight river projects—restoring waterways, reducing erosion, and enhancing instream habitat for aquatic species.

Sept. 11, Wed., 7pm

Healing Waters – A History of the Boyne River
Patrick McCleary
Boyne Heritage Center



Patrick McCleary

The Boyne River was named for Ireland's River Boyne, and there are other notable river details we may not know. Patrick will share historic photos and tell us how early pioneers envisioned use of the falls, how the power plant affected the river, the story behind moving the river mouth, and more.

Oct. 9, Wed., 7 pm

Making Sure Midwest National Parks Thrive for the Next 100 Years
Kira Davis, Great Lakes Senior Program Manager
National Parks Conservation Association



Kira Davis

Since 1919, the non-profit NPCA has been the leading voice in safeguarding our national parks. From the newly opened Michigan office, Kira spearheads work to protect and enhance the Great Lakes Region parks, including Sleeping Bear Dunes, Isle Royale, and Pictured Rocks with a focus on protecting national park waters, wildlife and landscapes. She will tell us the about NPCA's great lakes and midwest campaigns, and status of the Great Lakes national parks—from visitors' experiences to the health of the land and waters.

~ Save 2024 Dates ~
Volunteers are Welcome

April 26 (Fri), 10-12pm
Arbor Day Celebration - Boyne City's
Veterans Park Pavilion

The FoBR and the Boyne Valley Garden Club are giving away red maple, white oak, gray birch and tulip tree seedlings, and the City is giving away red & white pine and blue & Norway spruce seedlings. Many vendors and activities are planned.

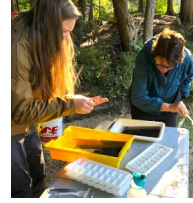


Red Maple

May 11 (Sat) & **Sept 7** (Sat)
Join the STREAM TEAM volunteer
river monitors, 9am-noon.

The presence or absence of
pollution-sensitive "water bugs"
indicates river health.

Call 231-330-2923 for details and
to join us!



Stream Team



Purple Loosestrife

July TBD Purple Loosestrife-eating beetles
distribution

Purple loosestrife is a wetland plant native to Europe and Asia where native insects and diseases have kept it in check. Introduced to North America in the 1800s as a garden plant,

purple loosestrife has since spread to wild areas and degraded habitat for native plants and animals. We partner with Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council to purchase then distribute the beetles.



BRNA Spruce Up

June 18 (Tue) "Spruce Up" at Boyne
River Nature Area and rain garden.

Bring garden tools to mulch memorial trees, pull weeds, weed whip and plant flowers in preparation for summer visitors. 10am-noon followed by a hot dog lunch. Located in the Boyne City Business Park off M-75 S.

Aug 15 (Thur) Annual Membership meeting, Veterans Park Pavilion, Boyne City. The pavilion is a busy place—note the new date.

Aug 17 (Sat) Boyne River Sweep, 9am-noon. Veterans Park boat launch. Bring a kayak to paddle from Dam Rd., or walk streambanks. Questions? 231-330-2923.

Dec 7 (Sat) Christmas Social at Boyne City Hall



2024 \$2,000 Marie Zoberski College Scholarship

Ellen Dhaseleer, 2023 Charlevoix HS graduate, received her 2nd scholarship. She is focused on environmental health and conservation at Calvin University. Students are studying the United Nations' sustainable development goals.

Congratulations Ellen!

2024 Board of Directors meets fourth Wednesdays, 6pm, Boyne District Library Community Room.

Adam Kennedy, President
Joe Manary, Vice President
Nancy Cunningham, Secretary
Bob Greene, Treasurer
Candy Greene, Exec. Committee
Member at Large

Directors:
Jeff Freeman
Julie Hasse
Sharon Kemp
Brian Kozminski

Gow Litzenburger
Sheri Rhoads



Board Member Emeritus

Congratulations to **Suzie Dickow**, an original board member, who retired in July after 25 years.

Thank you for renewing your 2024 membership!
Welcome new members!
Your support of river activities is appreciated.