



The Genesee County Fish & Game Protective Association (Godfrey's Pond) consists of 235 acres of land and 35 acres of stream and spring-fed waters. There are numerous rolling hills, hiking trails, woodlands and open meadows providing excellent recreation and wildlife habitat.

Tent and trailer camping are available with a new swimming pool opening this season! We offer several picnic pavilions for your family to enjoy.

Come see what we are all about!

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Godfrey's Pond

# ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## A Message From Michael Rickard, President



Dear fellow members of our Club, Genesee County Fish and Game Protective Association, Inc. (In short, Godfrey's Pond):

Well, it is a new year and I as your President would like to welcome you back! Things are happening at our Club and things are GROWING! I do mean that! Many changes and improvement are in the works. I have asked each Chairperson to write a brief article about their area of responsibility to better keep you informed.

First of all, we have been constructing our new Pool House! This house will contain an Office for Pond business, and a new store. There are changing rooms for ladies and men, a family-handicap changing room and lavatory, coin-operated showers for the campers and a new laundry facility as well.

Now what's next? As soon as the weather breaks, our pool will be dug and built 24' x 48' with a pool deck for the sunbathers to get some rays and seating with pool chairs! We are hoping to be wet on schedule in May. Much of the Pool House has been built with the dedication of a few volunteers that make this Club work. Actually, there are too many to mention at this point. We still need your help so please do lend us a hand.

The Fish and Fowl Project has undergone a rejuvenating of sorts! The Water Fowl area has completely been re-worked with a new waterfowl water area for the birds and the fence enclosure has been built.

Campground "B" is undergoing updates and improvements, with increased lot sizes, additional sites, and a few drive-through sites for the weekender. Something new is also being added – a cabin that will be rentable for a week or weekend! For more information – stay tuned! The Rifle and Pistol Range is also undergoing improvements.

Looking forward to seeing you here! It's our Club – let's all work together!

*President Michael Rickard*

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**Special Note: Don't forget to "Like" our Facebook page and view our website ([www.godfreyspond.com](http://www.godfreyspond.com)) to keep updated on news and events happening throughout the year.**



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**A Message From Michael Hammond, Director—Grounds**

**Michael Hammon | 315-406-8937 | [safekid202@yahoo.com](mailto:safekid202@yahoo.com)**

## A Message From Craig Gillard, Director—Rifle Range

This year has been a good year for improvements at the range.

First, there was a problem with the old flag pole which has been replaced with a larger pole and has also seen the placement of the Don Johnson memorial to a nice, safer location. This placement has also facilitated the installation of a stone walkway to the rear of the shooting line. The shooting line has been painted a solid red to increase safety at the range. Along with this improvement came target standards that can be placed at any range so that shooters remain behind the red safety line.

Next up we saw the replacement of the red posts at all three range distances along with the new rebar for hanging the target boards. A new locked brass collection box has been installed so that all fired brass can be recovered and either resold as reloadable or as scrap. This has resulted in hundreds of dollars added back into the pond coffers.

Stay tuned as there are big plans for the range this year. As things progress, they will be posted on the website. Thanks to all for their continued support of the range and the second amendment.

Craig Gillard | 585-250-2894 | cgillard@rochester.rr.com

## A Message From Donna Bobkin, Dana Phillips, Director—Playground/Misc.

Hello, my name is Donna Bobzin and I'm your new Chairperson for the Playground Committee. There will be two of us - Dana Phillips will be helping me and is in charge of taking care and maintenance of playgrounds. I will be heading up kids activities and fundraising with some help from my friends.

The Playground Committee is very excited for this year's camping season. We have already started with a Bike Raffle. \$5.00 ticket winner receive a \$400 value bike from Adam Millers in Batavia. The drawing will be held on June 1, 2019 along with a bike safety course that day.

An assortment of t-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, zip-ups and tote bags have been ordered and will be ready for sale at the opening of camping season. A list of activities scheduled for this camping season are:

Date	Event
Sunday, April 7:	Easter Egg Hunt at 1:00 p.m.
May (Date TBD):	Tie-Dye T-Shirts (bring your own t-shirt)
Saturday, June 1:	Bike Safety Course and Bike Raffle
Saturday, July 6:	4th of July Kids Games, activities, popcorn & fireworks
August (Date TBD):	Candy Bar Bingo
Saturday, October 5:	Halloween at Godfrey's Pond at 1:00 p.m.
December (Date TBD):	Breakfast with Santa

If anyone is interested in donating a bag of candy for the Easter Egg Hunt, you can call me or you can drop it off to Mike Hammon. We are very excited for this season to start – we'll see you all soon!

Donna Bobzin | 585-750-3327 | donnab246@gmail.com

## A Message From Greg Teeter, 1st Vice President—Archery

The 3-D bow course in the woods saw many improvements in 2018. All of the target mounts were custom built and replaced with tube steel and the bags are hung off of chains keeping them off the ground to prolong bag life and greatly improve appearance.

A special thanks to Buster for help building and installing in the woods. The new targets should last for several years and take many shots. If you enjoy bow hunting, I encourage you to give it a try.

Greg Teeter | 585-746-4082 | gteet.4082@yahoo.com

## A Message From Richard Richmond, Director - Bylaws & Constitution

To my fellow Members: I recently took over from John Roach. I'm presently reviewing his well thought out pages of notes and suggestions for future updates and changes. John has been very helpful during this transition.

One important amendment: "The Financial Secretary shall, by mandate, turn over all records, paper, electronic or otherwise to the newly elected Financial Secretary no later than one business week after said election."

The Bylaws apply to all the Members, including, and especially to the Elected Members of the Board.

I will be bringing them before the Membership at my completion for their vote and approval.

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## Tent and Trailer Camping

We welcome existing and new campers to Godfrey's camping facilities! We offer sites with electric and water hookups all in proximity to restrooms and shower facilities. Coming soon in the new Pool House will be a laundry facility as well as a main store, and additional restrooms and shower facilities! A "honey bucket" tank portable pumping service is available to trailer campers for a reasonable fee. Please see the website for more information or call 585-815-1545. We look forward to having you this camping season!

	Tenting	Trailers	Trailers with Air Conditioning	2nd Refrigerators
Seasonal Fees	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 100.00
Monthly Fees	\$ 180.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 320.00	\$ 20.00
Weekly Fees	\$ 50.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 7.00
Daily Fees	\$ 8.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 1.00
Winter Storage (with Insurance)		\$ 150.00		

## Dues Renewal and Volunteering

Your 2019 Dues bill will be included with this newsletter mailing. The deadline for payment is Wednesday, May 15, 2019. Additionally, on the Renewal slip is an option to give in any designated area (i.e. Capital Improvement Fund, Fish & Fowl Project, Pond Improvement Program or Inground Pool Program).

At the end of 2018, the regular memberships were \_\_\_\_\_. Annual membership drives are conducted throughout the year with public Open Houses and Hunting & Fishing Day events. These events offer exhibits, food & drink, Pond merchandise and much more! Club members will be on site to answer questions and give tours of the grounds. We invite family and friends to experience Godfrey's Pond and take in the nature and beauty which surrounds us!

Do you have a particular trade or skill to share? We'd love to have you join us to work on any number of projects around the Pond. Even if you'd just like to lend a hand somewhere, we will not turn you away! Please reach out to Michael Hammon if you're interested.



# Calendar of Events

Day/Date	Event	Time
Sunday, March 17, 2019	Pancake Breakfast	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 28, 2019	Camp Ground Clean-Up	10:00 a.m.
Monday, April 29, 2019	Rain Date for Camp Ground Clean-Up	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, May 1, 2019	Camp Grounds Open for Seasonal Campers	8:00 a.m.
Saturday, May 18, 2019	Camp Grounds Open for Regular Season	9:00 a.m.
Sunday, May 26, 2019	Godfrey's Pond Open House	12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 16, 2019	Open House and Chicken BBQ	12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, July 6, 2019	4th of July Celebration!	Dusk
Sunday, August 4, 2019	Paul Wood Fishing Contest	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
September 21-22, 2019	Hunting and Fishing Days	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. daily
Saturday, October 19, 2019	Camp Grounds Close for Season	

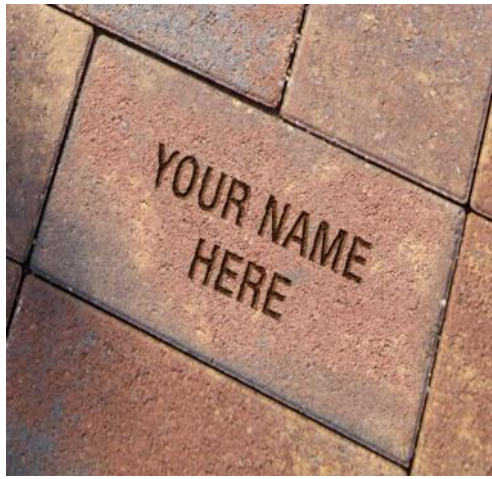
## 2018 Fish & Fowl Project



During 2018, major renovation work was done on the Duck Pen area. There was some preliminary landscaping, building of shelters in both the new pen and the older existing one, and released the birds into their new environment. The new pen is well designed, constructed of the best materials, vermin proof, and should last for many years to come. Thank you to all members who gave so much of their time and effort to this project. Come see this renovated area that will prove to be a great addition to our conservation display!

Godfrey's Pond has conducted conservation education field trips for numerous school and scouting groups throughout the year, including Cub Scouts. Our facilities enable us to help educate our youth to the benefits of active conservation practices.

## Inground Pool Engraved Tile Campaign



As Godfrey's Pond continues to improve its facility, you can participate through giving and allowing our Club to add an in-ground pool for our members and visitors to enjoy for years to come.

Imagine having your name, the name of a loved one, your company, and/or organization engraved on a brick as a lasting symbol at Godfrey's Pond.

As the Club moves forward, be a part of the movement. A memorial brick makes a wonderful holiday, birthday or anniversary gift. Please visit the Clubhouse or our website to review the various options:

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## Pool and Pool House Project