

Lake Charlevoix

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Welcome Home



Dear friends,

A philosopher once said, “if there is one thing you can depend on, it’s change.” I have lived here for 45 years and I would agree with that statement BIG TIME!

We understand the importance of embracing our past while still striving to improve the future.

As an office, we decided against putting a property guide together of all the homes for sale—it would have looked pretty empty. I also didn’t want to bore you with a book of all sold homes. Instead, we put together a piece we hope you find interesting with some great facts about the communities around Lake Charlevoix and some photos of how things were, and how they have changed around the lake.

I have been involved in several community Boards and one thing that is a common theme, we know there will be growth. We just don’t want to hurt what is such a beautiful place to visit and live. For the most part, I think that has been accomplished.

One thing that never changes in our little corner of Northern Michigan are the traditional summer festivals. For more than 50 years locals and visitors alike have been able to enjoy up north hospitality starting with the East Jordan Freedom Festival, then the Boyne City Fourth of July, Charlevoix’s Venetian Festival and rounding out the summer the Boyne Falls Polish Festival. More recently, Boyne City has added to the summer line up Stroll the Streets and Boyne Thunder in mid-July.

Now, it’s time for new memories and history to be made. There’s no better place to start than right here and right now.

Pat O'Brien

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Add some fun to your calendar

EAST JORDAN

Freedom Festival

June 23 - 27

Sweaty Yeti Run

July 10

Portside Art Fair

August 7 - 8

**Paddle Antrim
Festival**

September 16 - 18

BOYNE CITY

Stroll the Streets

June 11 - Sept. 3 FRIDAYS

4th of July Festival

July 3-4

Boyne Thunder

July 9 - 10

Harvest Festival

September 25

CHARLEVOIX

Venetian Festival

July 24

Waterfront Art Fair

August 14

Sidewalk Sales

August 19 - 21

AppleFest

October 8 -10

PAST WATERFRONT SALES





LAKE CHARLEVOIX

- IT IS THE THIRD LARGEST INLAND LAKE IN THE STATE
- SURFACE AREA OF OVER 17,200 ACRES
- 60 MILES OF SHORELINE
- THE MAXIMUM DEPTH IN THE MAIN BASIN IS 122 FEET
- PRIMARY INFLOWS: JORDAN RIVER AND BOYNE RIVER
- PRIMARY OUTFLOWS: PINE RIVER
- IN A 2012 USA TODAY POLL, LAKE CHARLEVOIX WAS VOTED THE SECOND-BEST LAKE IN THE COUNTRY



Ralph Washburn (left) and friends at Lake Michigan Beach. Circa 1920s.



Lucca, Quinn, and Rocco, O'Brien grandkids. Circa 2019

BOYNE CITY - The first settlers were John and Harriet Miller, arriving on November 14, 1856. While exploring the shoreline of Pine Lake (now called Lake Charlevoix) John and his two sons discovered the Boyne River, which reminded them of the River Boyne in Leinster, Ireland. Boyne City quickly became a boom town, home to lumber mills, shipping, manufacturing and our own railroad. Three passenger trains serviced Boyne City daily. Our robust downtown grew with orange brick made at the Boyne City brick yard. Enterprising proprietors opened shops, restaurants, hotels, banks and saloons to serve the swelling population.



Boyne City

CURRENT POPULATION 3,718



CHARLEVOIX - Settled in 1852, this town is named after Pierre François Xavier de Charlevoix, a French explorer who traveled the Great Lakes and was said to have stayed the night on Fisherman's Island during a harsh storm. In 1864, settlers built a large dock at the mouth of the Pine River on Lake Michigan. Boats there were exposed to the harsh realities of Great Lakes weather, so local entrepreneurs sought to connect Lake Michigan to an inland harbor at Round Lake. The Pine River channel was dredged in 1869, connecting Lake Michigan to Lake Charlevoix.

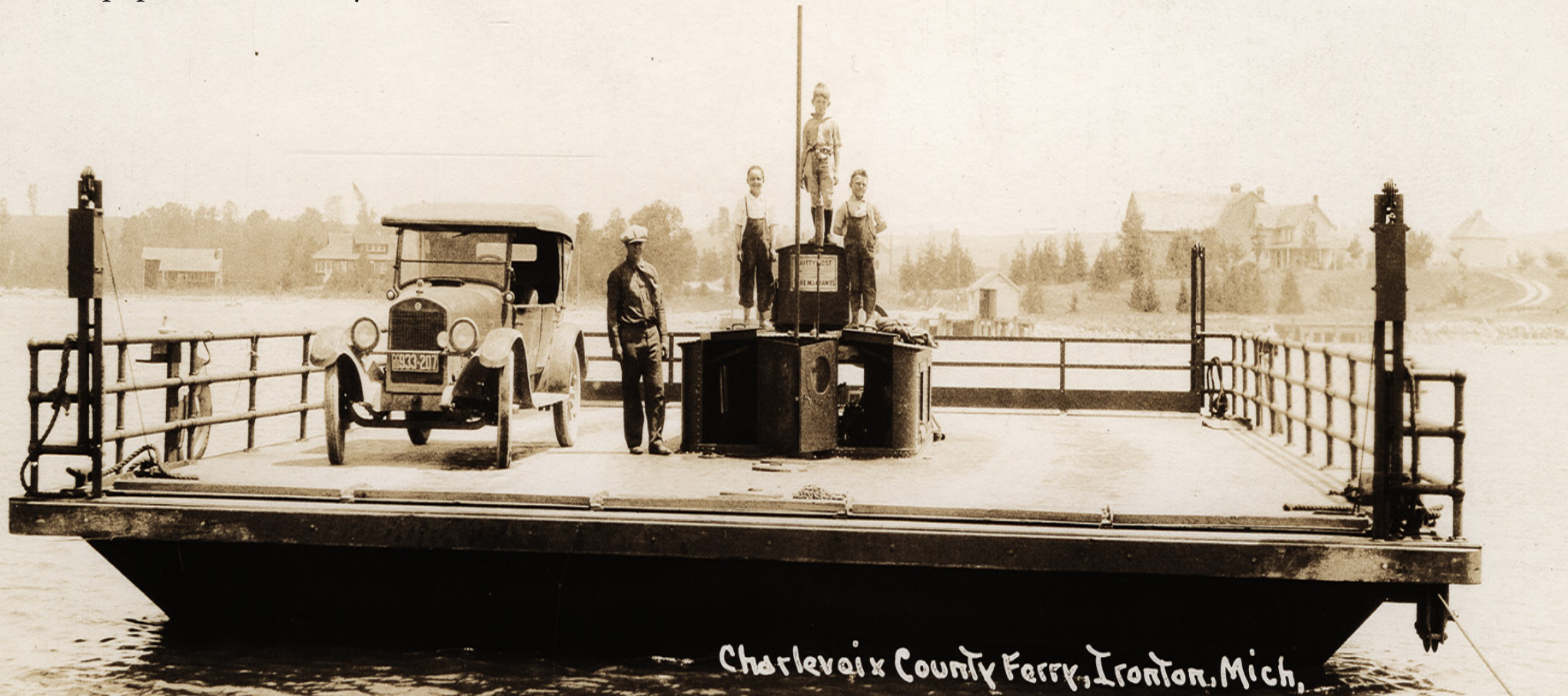


Charlevoix

CURRENT POPULATION 2,513



EAST JORDAN - This small town was founded in the 1870s when a logging mill was built along the Jordan River. There were originally two places; East Jordan itself began with a store built by William F. Empey, a Canadian immigrant, in 1874. There was also a place called South Arm. The two locales merged in 1878. The town grew quickly, and by 1890, it boasted a large ironworks (the East Jordan Iron Works still operates today), a feed mill, and a population of nearly 1000.



East Jordan

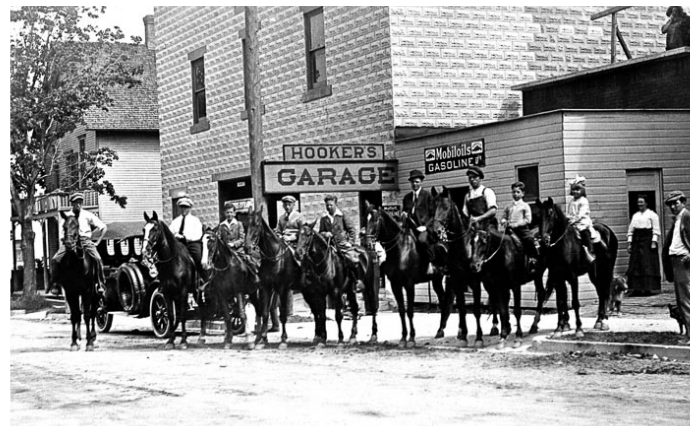
CURRENT POPULATION 2,351



Memories made on Lake Charlevoix last longer than a Petoskey Stone. Whether you grew up in northern Michigan or simply spent your summers here, Lake Charlevoix holds a special place in your heart. Skipping stones, waterside fires, and ice cream cones melting faster than you can eat them. From sunrise to sunset, days spent on the water are not wasted, they're the days that we look back on fondly, in hopes that we can re-live another just like it before the seasons end. This lake has drawn many families over many decades and we're sure it will continue to do so. We love life on Lake Charlevoix.



Seven men posing by the side of Fred Cartier's clothing store in the 300 block of Bridge Street. Circa 1920s.





Irene Harsha and Earl Young on Old River, in Round Lake. Circa 1913.

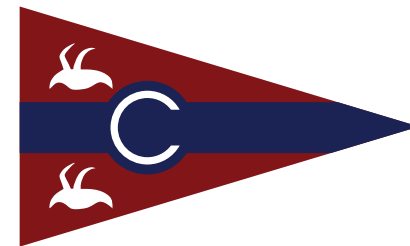
The origin of the Boyne City Yacht Club has been traced back to a small group of boating enthusiasts who gathered at the Boyne River Inn in Boyne City to discuss starting a club, thus the Boyne Yacht Club (BYC) was formed.

In 1988, the BYC reconstituted itself as the Boyne City Yacht Club (BCYC); under the leadership of Commodore Jim Howell. The lounge of the old One Water Street was adopted as the Club's informal clubhouse. The 288 individuals who joined the BCYC in 1988 were designated the Club's "Charter Members." Today, the Club has some 475 members.

The present Club consists of a group of fun loving water enthusiasts including power and sail boaters. Their calendar of activities spans the entire year with off-season activities including Change of Watch, the Commodore's Ball, and a Tuesday Night Race Series beginning in May and ending in October. This race league is open to mono-hull boats 19 feet and longer, as well as multi-hull boats 17 feet and longer.



Charlevoix Yacht Club was formally established by a group of local yachtsmen with the publishing of a cruising schedule in 1970. Early Club activities included frequent rendezvous and on-shore social events. In those days, most raced the NORC Circuit with the Red Fox Regatta being the final event of the season. In 1974, CYC leased the Charlevoix Train Depot as their Clubhouse. Members volunteered for the major renovation that the Depot needed and membership passed the 200 mark.



By 1976, the Wednesday night race series was firmly established and local industries were donating "Puffer" sailboats for the sail-training program. CYC became the host club of the Red Fox Regatta and championship regattas of "Flying Scots" and "North American Forties" were hosted. Many traditions and events were established that continue today.

A core group of members formed the CYC Corporation to buy the building that is the clubhouse today. Lots of volunteer time and effort along with high costs went into the construction and improvements of the building. Thanks to the efforts of many individuals, the club has survived and prospered.



128 Water Street - Pat O'Brien & Associates office.



The old train depot, now a design studio, in downtown Boyne City.

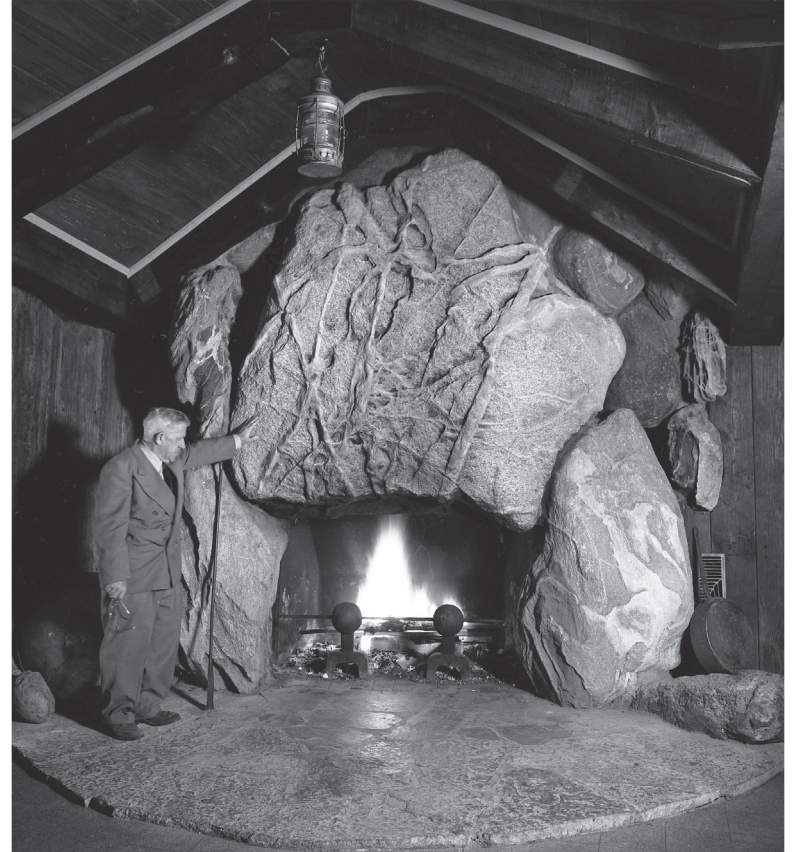


Lighthouse on north pier with trestle and oil storage shed.



The old train depot, now Depot Beach, in Charlevoix.





Bathing pavilion at the end of the dock at Depot Beach, mainly used by guests of the Inn Hotel. Circa 1920s

Earl A. Young (March 31, 1889 – May 24, 1975) was an American architectural designer, realtor, and insurance agent. Over a span of 52 years, he designed and built 31 structures in Charlevoix, but was never a registered architect. He worked mostly in stone, using limestone, fieldstone, and boulders he found throughout Northern Michigan. The homes are commonly referred to as gnome homes, mushroom houses, or Hobbit houses. His door, window, roof, and fireplace designs were distinct because of his use of curved lines. Young's goal was to show that a small stone house could be as impressive as a castle. Young also helped make Charlevoix the busy summer-resort town that it is today.



LAKE CHARLEVOIX

PRIVATE WATERFRONT



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THE TALK OF THE TOWN

"Pat and his employees are genuinely good people with a client-comes-first approach. During our many years owning up in Boyne City, we learned how Pat O'Brien Real Estate gave back to the community via numerous charitable organizations. That speaks volumes about who they are. I consider Pat a friend and always stop by their Boyne office when I am downtown."

Ron Tomanek, Seller

"Pat and his staff have tremendous knowledge of local real estate values. We found Pat to be very honest, has a no-pressure approach and we enjoyed working with him. I would encourage potential buyers and sellers to use Pat O'Brien & Associates."

Brent & Cheryl Granger, Buyers

"Simply put, working with Pat O'Brien & Associates was a true pleasure, from the first contact on the phone, until even after the closing. Extremely easy to work with, as well as very thorough on every detail. I will always recommend them to all my friends, family, and associates."

David Farber, Seller

"They are always about what we can do; never saying what we can't do... I had the feeling they were working just as hard on my deal as they would on a multi-million dollar deal. That made me feel important."

Melanie Dart, Seller

"We want to thank you for your professionalism and real estate knowledge. I firmly believe that you understood our needs, made sure to price the house fairly for us and the new buyers. Honestly, it could not have been an easier process."

Peggy & Ashley Messenger, Sellers

"This agency is a strong team of professionals committed to providing a seamless transition from "selling" to "sold." Pat is an amazing leader who is generous to all he works with in his knowledge and expertise."

Donna and Darryl Parish, Sellers

"Thanks so much for the time & energy that you put into buying a home. We enjoyed working with Pat O'Brien & Associates. You guys are a 1st class operation!"

Jeff & Terry Edwards, Buyers

"5 Stars! Best real estate brokerage service I've ever received. The market is back!"

Jeff Rock, Seller

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