



# Long Lake Property Owners Association

May 2009

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*Jim LaBrecque, Pat Lesich*

## President's Corner



I trust this note will find you all healthy and happy. For those that stayed, it was a long, snowy and cold winter. However the crocuses have sprouted, the daffodils are up, the grass is turning green, the robins are singing, and it is a wonderful beginning to another great season on our beautiful Long Lake.

First I would like to sincerely thank the many people that made my last four years as president of this fine organization an amazing experience. The officers and zone representatives have been kind and hard working. Nothing has been accomplished without their help and many others.

To thank a few, let me start with Pat Lesich. The newsletter would simply not be without her. Butch Magnan put the flags up and took them down every year as well as took care of the meeting signs. Gary Stemen now does this. Sharll Hudson does the boat parade—both the day and now the night lighted parade. John Lesich for the maintenance of our website. Sue Stemen for compiling and verifying an Email list of LLPOA members. Wayne Magnan for doing the water quality testing for the lake. Sandy Ouillette for the minutes, Chris Considine for the treasurer's report, the budget, and handling all the mail. Kate Jordan for doing the welcome packets. John Bartle for his work with the signs. Joe Pellens and Sandy Ouillette for the golf outing. Rob Hudson for the fishing derby. Roger

Houthoofd for keeping me in line. All the zone directors for their continued help in getting information out to the property owners. There were many others, each in their own way, that have helped make this lake community truly a place where you want to be. Again, thank you all. If I missed someone, whom I inevitably have, I'm sorry.

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We are going to have an exciting summer. We have a few new things we are going to see if we can get started. These include a lakefront beautification contest, a lake clean up, a possible phone directory on the website, and of course the treatment of the lake for the noxious weed Eurasian Watermilfoil.

Regarding the lake treatment—we did get the township to create a special assessment district for Long Lake. Thanks to all of you who sent in the post cards. We received over three hundred, which helped immensely. There were two special meetings held in April that completed the

establishment of the special assessment district. We are now waiting for Enviroscience Inc. to give us a date when they will put the weevils into the lake. As soon as we find out we will communicate that information to you.

The first LLPOA meeting for this year will be Saturday June 6, at 10:00 am at the Sixty Lakes Club. There was some question whether the building would be available on Memorial Day weekend, so we decided to have the meeting on June 6th.

A suggestion was made to have a lakefront beautification contest. It is in the start-up phase and any help or suggestions would be appreciated.

The lake cleanup is something we can discuss at the first meeting. Please come with some suggestions. Maybe we can do the cleanup by zones.

The swim buoys will be in by Memorial Day. We are still looking for someone to help put them in and take them out.

We are in the process of getting a permit to remove the geese from the lake this year; it should take place the last two weeks in June. That is when the geese are molting and cannot fly.

The Second Annual Long Lake Fishing Derby will be Saturday July 11th. Additional information is included in this newsletter. Last year we had a rainy day, but about 20 kids participated. We hope to have  
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that number again this year.

We are always looking for new ideas and new members. If you would like to be part of this great organization please attend the first meeting on June 6th.

In closing I would like to thank all of you for helping the LLPOA maintain its forward progress. In the past few years we as a team helped remove geese from the lake for the first

time, removed the individual signs that had become rag tag and obsolete, helped put swim buoys in the lake, put new welcome signs up, created a fishing derby, raised over \$5,000 dollars for hurricane Katrina, received approval to treat our lake for weed control, reestablished the boater safety class, reestablished the welcome packet, published a telephone directory, and many

other accomplishments that were done as a team.

I am grateful to have had the opportunity to be the president of such a fine organization. Please give the next president the same kindness and support.

Sincerely;

*Jim LaBrecque*

President



## Boat Parade

**July 4 – 2:00 pm**

Everyone enjoys the Annual Long Lake Boat Parade! Why not consider entering a boat and perhaps winning one of the great prizes?

Participants are required to register with the LLPOA. Registration will be conducted at the Sixty Lakes Club beginning at 9:30 am prior to the LLPOA meeting on July 4.

## “Light up the Lake Boat Parade”

**July 4 – begins at dark**

Last year we did a trial run to see if there would be any interest in doing nighttime lighted boat/pontoon parade. The reaction was great!

This year we are going to officially start our annual “Light up the Lake Boat/Pontoon Parade”. For information, please call Sharll Hudson (989) 257-2261.

## Annual Golf Outing

All are welcome to dust off your golf clubs and join us at the LLPOA Annual Golf Outing to be held at Wicker Hills Golf Club on Friday, July 3.

This event is structured so that everyone will have fun, no matter what your golf skills are. We will make it a scramble, so everyone can play!

Sign up at the June 6<sup>th</sup> LLPOA meeting.



## Boater Safety Course

The 2009 Boater Safety class will be held at St. Pius Catholic Church on Saturday May 30, from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. St. Pius is located on M65, one mile north of Hale. There is no charge, however you must pre-register to attend. There is a maximum class size of twenty-five.

All teenagers must have a boater safety class certificate to legally operate a motor craft. To register, please call Jim LaBrecque (989) 257-2652.



## Fishing Derby

This years fishing derby will be Saturday July 11th, between the hours of 8 – 11 am.

There will be two divisions by age: 12 and under and 13-16.

There will be prizes for all

participants. The rules are simple: 1) you must follow Michigan fishing laws. 2) only three fish will be allowed to be entered—they can be of any species, but they must be legal. 3) total length of all three fish will determine 1<sup>st</sup> place, 2<sup>nd</sup> place, etc. The contest headquarters will be at the public boat launch near the public beach.

Please bring your fish to the boat launch between the hours of 8 – 11 am for measuring. Prizes will be awarded at 11 o'clock. Please call Rob Hudson at (989) 257-2261 or Jim LaBrecque at (989) 257-2652 if you have any questions. GOOD LUCK.

## LLPOA Newsletter Changes

Due to the higher cost of postage and the additional cost of paying for an undeliverable piece of mail, the LLPOA has decided that the newsletter will only be sent to paid members of the LLPOA. Consequently, this will be the last newsletter sent to all lake property owners.

We are also in the process of sending out the newsletter to Email addresses that we have on file. This will further reduce the distribution expense of the newsletter. The newsletter will soon be available on our website at: [www.mlswa.org/Long-Lake-707](http://www.mlswa.org/Long-Lake-707). If you have any questions please call Jim LaBrecque at (989) 257-2652.

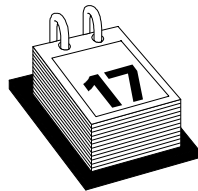
## Loon Alert

If you see a loon flapping its wings wildly and dancing across the water you are TOO CLOSE. Consider "binocular range" as a safe distance for viewing and enjoying loons. Any disturbance could cause one of these birds to desert its nest, meaning a loss of young. No one wants that to happen.

It's against State and Federal laws to bother or harass loons and other protected wildlife.

- Protect loons and their chicks when boating by not chasing them.
- Steer away from loon family flocks.
- If you suspect loons are nesting in any area leave them in peace.

Michigan Loon Preservation Association  
P.O. Box 80527  
Lansing, Mi 48908-0527



## Membership Dues

After many years at \$15.00 per year, the annual dues for the Long Lake Property Owners Association have been raised to \$20.00. The dues cover the calendar year from January through December.

A form to submit your dues is enclosed in this newsletter. The form can also be printed from the LLPOA website, [www.mlswa.org/Long-Lake-707](http://www.mlswa.org/Long-Lake-707). Also there is a place on the form to submit your Email address.

Your Email address would only be used to communicate to you information regarding the lake.

**REMEMBER TO VOTE**

## Election of Officers

The Long Lake Property Owners Association will elect officers at the annual meeting on Saturday July 4<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am. Please consider this unique opportunity and nominate either yourself as a candidate, or someone else to help take care of the lake and continue to make our lake community a vibrant place to work and play.

It is a very rewarding challenge. If you are interested, please contact your zone director or a current officer. We will establish a nominating committee at the June 6th LLPOA meeting.

If you have any additional questions, please call Jim LaBrecque at (989) 257-2652.

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## Important LLPOA Dates for 2009

May 30	Boater Safety Course	8:00 am
June 6	LLPOA Meeting	10:00 am
July 3	Golf Outing - Wicker Hills	
July 4	LLPOA Meeting	10:00 am
July 4	Boat Parade	2:00 pm
July 4	Light up the Lake Boat Parade	Begins at dark
July 11	Fishing Derby	8-11 am
August 1	LLPOA Meeting	10:00 am
September 5	LLPOA Meeting	10:00 am

**All LLPOA meetings are held at the Sixty Lakes Club**

## Michigan Lake & Stream Associations Conference

Janet and West Durbin represented the LLPOA at the annual MLSA conference.

Below are highlights of the valuable information that they brought back from this conference:

- Wes and Janet have volunteered to do the water testing for our lake. They attended a training session to gain information on collecting and reporting accurate data regarding Long Lake water quality.
- Valuable information was gathered regarding shoreline erosion control and restoration. We should ideally all have a “no mow” zone of 20 – 30 feet along our shorelines so that emergent vegetation, shrub, and then a tree canopy can protect the natural shoreline from erosion. Janet has materials she can show to anyone who is interested in restoring an eroded shoreline.
- Nitrates, not phosphates, travel “best” toward water. Hydrilla is a bad plant to invade your lake—much worse than Eurasian Watermilfoil.
- Improved water quality of our lake that the public can use increases property values. This in turn increases tax revenue for the public use. Therefore the public should help funding, restoring or preserving the water quality of our lake.
- Bruce and Pearl Bonnell were honored for their over 30 years of dedicated work to test and preserve the quality of our lakes. Everyone is sorry to see them “retire”.

- Michigan Riparian Law session. Case law has been consistent in holding that road ends are for travel only and back lot owners may not put in docks. Also, they are not allowed to picnic, lounge, or sunbathe there. They may only leave boats at road ends temporarily. The Inland Lake Level Act says that people may not walk on your shoreline as long as your property is on an inland lake.
- Janet has the supplies to do E-Coli testing on our lake. She will discuss this with the LLPOA to see if there is interest in doing these tests at various parts of the lake.



### LLPOA Website

[www.mlswa.org/long-lake-707](http://www.mlswa.org/long-lake-707)

The history of Long Lake is just a mouse click away. This website includes interesting facts regarding Long Lake as well as important information pertaining to the Long Lake Property Owners Association.

Be sure to check out the photos on the website. There are great photos of our beautiful lake as well as photos of the 2008 boat parade and the fishing contest that was held last summer.

Additionally, you may email the LLPOA at [longlakeassn@yahoo.com](mailto:longlakeassn@yahoo.com).

### Long Lake Property Owners Association Officers and Zone Directors

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President .....	Jim LaBrecque .....	8098 Long Lake Road .....	257-2652
Vice President.....	Roger Houthoofd .....	8330 Long Lake Road .....	257-3136
Treasurer .....	Chris Considine .....	7905 Campbell .....	257-3635
Secretary .....	Sandy Ouillette .....	4995 Kokosing .....	257-4394
Zone 1 .....	Keith Reinhardt.....	4905 Onawa Dr .....	257-4003
Zone 2 .....	Roberta LaPorte .....	8110 Long Lake Road.....	257-2447
Zone 3 .....	Margaret Zerbst .....	7854 Lakeside .....	257-3044
Zone 4 .....	Ken Siems .....	4831 Lakeside .....	257-4508
Zone 5 .....	Vacant .....		
Zone 6A .....	Jack Lucas.....	7834 Campbell .....	257-3834
Zone 6B .....	Sharon Bartle .....	8057 Campbell .....	257-2240
Zone 7 .....	Rose Bargo .....	4959 Franklin .....	257-3163
Zone 8 .....	Sandy Ouillette .....	4995 Kokosing .....	257-4394
Zone 9 .....	Mimi Smith.....	8619 Kokosing .....	257-5434
	Vicki Lane .....	8617 Kokosing .....	257-4839
Zone 10.....	Sandy Hamilton .....	5045 Bliss.....	257-3074

# Long Lake Property Owners Association

## Annual Membership Application/Renewal

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To renew your membership or become a new member, simply fill out this form

- NEW MEMBERSHIP**  
 **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

PLEASE PRINT

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
(last) (first)

SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ BUSINESS/OTHER PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

LAKE ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

*(EMAIL ADDRESSES WILL ONLY BE USED FOR LLPOA COMMUNICATIONS)*

	<b>MEMBERSHIP DUES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
DUES (JAN THRU DEC)	\$20.00	
FISH FUND		
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED</b>		

***Mail completed form, along with check or money order to:***

**Long Lake Property Owners Association  
P.O. Box 276  
Long Lake, MI 48743**