



Long Lake Property Owners Association

Editorial Staff

Jim Ouillette, Pat Lesich

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President's Corner



Spring has arrived on Long Lake and I've heard there is at least one pair of loons back on the lake.

Fred Lewis, Plainfield Twp Supervisor, has included information on the milfoil project so I won't go into any details. I'm hoping the milfoil will be down significantly this summer so we can enjoy boating and playing on the lake.

Our first LLPOA meeting will be held on Saturday, May 28, 2011 at 10:00 AM at the Long Lake Bar again this year.

We did not apply for a permit to remove geese from the lake this year. Last year the cost to remove the geese did not warrant having the Goose Busters here. Some important dates you may want to put on your calendar are:

- Golf Outing – July 1
- Boat Parade – July 2
- Youth Fishing Contest – TBA

Last year there was some discussion about having a picnic for all LLPOA members at the public park/boat launch.

We are looking for some members that would be willing to put the picnic together. Please contact me if you can help.

This year is an election year for officers of the LLPOA. I am not going to remain on the board after my term is up on July 1st. Sandy and I have a busy summer planned and will be out of town for part of the summer. I enjoyed working with all of you during my two-year term and I will continue to help out with the milfoil program and any other areas of need.

We would like to have some members come forward to be on the Board. If you have any interest in running for the Board, please call me or any member of the Board. Enclosed is an application form with the newsletter.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the May 28th meeting. Hope we have a great summer on beautiful LONG LAKE.

Jim Ouillette
President

***Support
the
LLPOA***

Join today!

Only \$20 per year

***Membership form
enclosed in this
newsletter***

Important LLPOA Dates for 2011



May 28	LLPOA Meeting	10:00 am
July 1	Golf Outing - Wicker Hills	12:00 pm
July 2	LLPOA Meeting	10:00 am
July 2	Boat Parade	2:00 pm
August 6	LLPOA Meeting	10:00 am
September 3	LLPOA Meeting	10:00 am

LLPOA meetings will be held at the Long Lake Bar

Milfoil Update

*Fred Lewis, Supervisor
Plainfield Township*

Another winter gone and I hope this finds you all well. The weather is changing and summer is just around the corner. That means fishing, swimming, BBQ's and oh yah.....weeds.

The report from EnviroSci on their work and results so far is online at our website at www.plainfieldtwpmi.com/twp/twppdfs/community/2010_long_lake_hale_report.pdf. This year's plan calls for the implantation of an additional 60,000 weevils at a total cost of \$54,600, about \$108/district resident.

I spoke with Nancy Cushing from EnviroSci and she plans to make a site visit during the Memorial Day weekend to review last year's sites and possibly look for additional/new sites for this year. They plan on implanting the weevils between the second and fourth week in June, weather permitting. They will perform this in two visits, about a week apart implanting about half the quantity in each visit.

Again we stress that residents stay away from the buoyed areas and any milfoil that washes onto your shoreline should be left until dry to allow the weevils to move off these weeds and back into the water. Thanks to all of you that have assisted us in this process. Especially to Wes Durbin who has been so kind as to ferry us around and aid us in the removal and storage of our marking buoys last fall.

If at any time you have questions regarding this process or program, please feel free to contact me at (989) 728-2811 or email at supervisor@plainfieldtwpmi.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

Long Lake Cleanup

On Saturday, September 11. we had the Long Lake trash pickup.



I would like to thank the following people who helped me with the pickup: Maureen and Bob Hearn, Sharon Robinson, Larry and Mimi Smith, Ken and Fran Siems, Dan and Jane Lautermilch, Pete and Peg Morrison, Norm and Toots LaPorte, Mike Allen, Christopher Allen, Jonathan Allen and Sandy Ouillette.

After picking up 16 large bags of trash, the workers were treated to pizza and soda at the Long Lake Bar.

Jim Ouillette, President

Boat Parade *July 2 – 2:00 pm*

We are pleased to announce that we will again have a boat parade. Great prizes will be awarded to all participants.

Participants must pre-register at the LLPOA meeting on July 2nd.

Annual Golf Outing *July 1 – Wicker Hills*

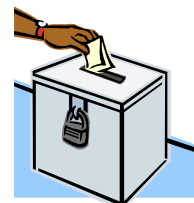
Time to dust off those clubs and join your neighbors at the Annual LLPOA Golf Outing. The event will be held on July 1st at Wicker Hills Golf Course beginning at 12:00. This will be a four-person scramble. Adults only.

You may sign up at the June LLPOA meeting or call Joe Pellens (989) 257-3263. Must sign up before June 28th.

LLPOA Elections *July 2nd Meeting*

The LLPOA needs your help! Please consider submitting your name as a candidate for one of the officer positions.

An application form is included in this newsletter. You may also contact one of the current officers for additional information.



Long Lake Property Owners Association Membership Form

Full Name _____ Spouse/Add'l Party _____

Email Address _____

Would you be willing to receive your LLPOA newsletter via email? *yes* _____ *no* _____

Primary Residence Address (if not Long Lake address):

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone number (with area code) _____

Long Lake Address:

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

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

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

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

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

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APPLICATION FORM
Long Lake Property Owners Association

OFFICER

Office Position of Interest _____

(Such as, President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer)

Name _____

Home Address _____

Lake Address _____

Phone (include area code) _____

Michigan Lakes and Stream Association
50th Annual Conference
April 15-16, 2011

On April 15 & 16 Michigan Lakes and Stream Association held their 50th annual conference. My wife and I attended, representing Long Lake. There were many interesting speakers and topics, including Lake Stewardship, Aquatic Invasive Species Identification and Control Methods, Riparian Rights, and more. We also received renewed training and necessary supplies so that we can obtain accurate and useful data from the water samples we take.

Cooperative Lake Monitoring Program (CLMP) volunteers, such as my wife and I, collect data about our lakes. We at Long Lake do water clarity checks every week from May 15 to September 17, a water sample for phosphorus in late April and again on September 15, and a sample near the 15th of each month from May to September to check for chlorophyll a.

It is important to collect data over an extended period of time to be able to spot trends. We at Long Lake should be proud that we have participated in gathering this data since the beginning in 1974, thanks to Pearl and Bruce Bonnell.

Have a great summer, and please steer clear of the Eurasian watermilfoil the best that you can so that we can help our weevils get our problem under control.

Submitted by Wes Durbin

A session on Riparian Rights was part of this year's Michigan Lakes and Stream Association conference. I learned there that back lot property owners who use road endings or other lake front property that they do not own to keep a dock or a boat will gain a permanent right to use that land after 15 years of use UNLESS the lake front property owner(s) adjacent give them PERMISSION IN WRITING to use it.

Therefore, it would be a good idea to ask those back lot owners near your property to sign an agreement that you write saying that they are using the road ending (or whatever they are using) with your permission. If they are your friends, which is likely, just explain that you do not have a problem with them but want to protect yourself from possible future problems with whoever may own their back lot property in the future. You will be protecting your property value too.

For more information, the session was presented by an attorney named Clifford Bloom, Law, Weathers, & Richardson, 800 Bridgewater Place, 333 Bridge Street NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504-5320. (616) 732-1710. cbloom@lawweathers.com.

Submitted by Janet Durbin

Use Phosphorus-Free Lawn Fertilizer

*Reprint from The Michigan Riparian
Winter 2009*

***Please use
Phosphorus-
Free
Fertilizer
23-0-2***

As you learn more about your lake, you will soon discover that excess nutrients can degrade freshwater quality. Phosphorus supplemented lawn fertilizers in particular have often been identified as a prime source of excess nutrients that may lead to algae blooms and/or explosive growth of aquatic plants within your lake.

In recent years, lawn care product companies have developed effective alternatives for riparians concerned about their inland lake ecosystems. Many of these products are now readily available at local retail outlets. To learn more about less harmful methods of caring for your lakefront lawn, visit the Partnership for Phosphate Reduction website at www.dephosphatefree.org.