



LONG LAKE PENINSULA ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER Spring 2011

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Vernal Equinox was March 20th, is anyone ready for Spring! An April with record snowfall amounts? A wet and cool start for sure. But hope springs eternal, and spring is the time of renewal. As we transition into summer, our thoughts turn to fun at home with family and friends, and time spent on the lake.

I would like to take a moment to thank all of the Trustees and committee chairs for the great job they do. They spend countless hours planning and managing the everyday responsibilities of the association. Often, this goes unnoticed. A special thanks again to the road committee and to Jeff Gross, who is committed to the job of keeping our roads clear during the winter months. We had some hiccups in service this year, that will need to be discussed during the upcoming bid process. The current service provider fell seriously ill, and his replacements were unaware of the finer details involved in the plowing of the peninsula. But we made it through, under budget again this year!

I would like everyone to know, that the Board can't do everything. We need the support of the entire membership to help keep the Peninsula a safe and beautiful place to live. It may be as simple as paying your dues on time. Driving and obeying the speed limits, obtaining the proper permits prior to building. Other simple things that help include, cleaning and maintaining your road frontage. Consumers Power did extensive tree trimming this winter. *(I think it was only 8 days before our next power outage!)* That wooded debris is your responsibility. Stack it, burn it, or give it away, several members heat with wood. Sweep and or blow your road frontage clean of loose material. Avoid storing unused equipment in plain site, get rid of your junk! Bring in your trash container after service day ***(by the way, have you switched to Ilpa's preferred service provider American Waste yet....see info attached or go on web site for details)***. All of these little things go a long way in keeping our Peninsula a safe and beautiful place.

A few quick reminders to help allow everyone enjoy the coming months of summer on Long Lake Peninsula.

BOAT LAUNCH/BEACH USE: The new dock has been installed with thanks to a large volunteer force. Come on down and experience the new, and safer version of docking. There is a 10 x 12 viewing area at the end which is intended for parents or guardians to view younger swimmers. It is not intended for sunbathing. Please keep the dock clear for easy ingress and egress. There are no coolers or glass containers allowed at the boat launch area. Broken glass had caused serious injury last year to a visitor.....please be considerate.

Please have your boat ready for the water. Take the time to prep your boat and make sure it runs. If a problem does present itself, there is an area for a single boat to be pulled up South of the launch for troubleshooting. Please be considerate of others trying to launch their crafts when busy. If your boat has been in lakes where zebra mussels are present.....scrub and wash your hull off prior to using any launch on Long Lake.

There is limited parking available at the launch. There is no parking on LLPA roads. NO BOATS ARE ALLOWED IN THE SWIMMING AREA, which is the area directly north of the LLPA dock, extending out to and just beyond the raft. All pets must be leashed and owners are required to clean up after their pets.

Again, letters have gone out to approximately a dozen or so members, who are in arrears with their LLPA dues. The park, boat launch and beach area is for the benefit of members and guest of LLPA. You should note that, according to our bylaws, Art. XIII, Sec. 3. F. a. "The boat ramp and beach area shall be used exclusively by members of the Corporation who are **in good standing**, their immediate families, and household guests". (Emphasis added) Thus, **you must be current with your dues in order to use the park, beach and boat ramp**. Please contact Jim McCall (929-0425), the association treasurer, with questions or to make arrangements to become current.

In other news:

5th Annual Fun Run/Walk

Diane Kuhn writes, "please join us to celebrate the 5th Anniversary of the **LLP Fun Run/Walk** on **Saturday, July 16th**. It will be a morning of food, fun, socializing and exercise. Registration begins at 8:30 (at the park) and the event begins promptly at 9:00am. It is **FREE** and includes food, water, freebies, ribbons, medals and **NEW this year**, raffle items from local businesses. Save the date and bring your friends, family and neighbors. To volunteer contact Diane Kuhn 947-5342".

Board of Trustees nominations

We have three positions opening up on the Board of Trustees. If you're interested in running for a position, please let me or another member of the board know. The board is important to the quality of life on the Peninsula and is worthy of your time and attention. **Please consider**, don't wait to be asked.

Email addresses

Please be sure to send along your email address if you haven't yet done so. This allows us to contact you periodically without the need of a mailed newsletter and helps us to save money, as well. The list is growing, but there are still many of you for whom we don't have that important information. All correspondence are sent BCC or blind copy so that others will not see your address, thus your privacy is protected.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- *June 11th Saturday 9:00am LLPA Discussion Meeting @ Park
- *June 18th, Saturday 8:00am till 4:00pm Neighborhood Yard Sale
- *July 16th, Saturday 8:30 registration-9:00am start Fun Run/Walk
- *August 20st, Saturday 9:00am LLPA annual Meeting @ Park

*June 13th, Monday 5:00 – 6:00 pm *Long Lake Association* Annual Discussion Meeting “Welcome Back to Paradise” at Boone’s Long Lake Inn. 6:15 pm till 7:30 pm (Complimentary Hors d’oevres and Cash Bar). Please consider joining this membership that helps look out for our lake quality and safety.

Please check out our website, www.longlakepeninsula.org. Nancy Zylstra with assistance from Al Hatch and Peter Starkel have worked hard on updating the site and making it easier to use. It contains much useful information, including this newsletter, minutes of the June Discussion Meeting and the August Annual Meeting, as well as the by-laws and building regulations. You can also access the complete list of the Board of Trustees with contact information. If we have your email address, we send this newsletter to you via email, thus saving the cost of postage and copying.

Of course, we would like to add your email address to our list. So, please call or send me an email with the relevant information. davek@teterop.com or 231-941-0058.)

Sincerely,

David Knudsen, President
Long Lake Peninsula Association.