



## LONG LAKE PENINSULA ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER Spring 2013

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I typically like to start the Newsletters with a bit of the whimsical. But I'm compelled to writing this letter with a heavy heart. As most of us living on the Peninsula already know, I feel the need to inform our seasonal friends and neighbors of the tragic loss of life we experienced Easter Morning. Our dedicated Committee Chair for Roads and Signs, and more importantly a loving father, husband and friend, was tragically taken from us far too soon. Jeff Gross had died as a result of injuries sustained in a snowmobile accident on Long Lake. The tentacles of pain from this tragedy will run through many of the LLPA families and friends for some time. I ask that you keep this tragic event in your thoughts and prayers, in hope that God's grace and healing power, come to all those people afflicted with grief.

And it is with that same grace, we welcome Spring as a time for new growth and renewal. May we all embrace everything good about the coming season. Let our thoughts turn to some fun and relaxation with family and friends. It is a time to welcome our seasonal neighbors back home, so greet everyone with a warm smile and a hearty hello!

With that said, let us welcome another season onto the Peninsula. I would like to take a moment to thank all of the Trustees and Committee Chairs, past and present, for the great job and good work that they have done. The Board will be busy over the next several weeks regarding some very important and pressing issues, as well as following up on other matters.

The Board conducted a search for a member to fill the vacancy created with Jeff's passing, and I'm pleased to announce that a former Board Member has agreed to step up. Kurt Schroeder is the new Roads Chair and is off to a great start. Also, the entire Board has been making headway on a problematic situation regarding Bylaw violations, that has moved from acute, to a chronic problem.

The situation has caused issues regarding traffic safety, road maintenance and snow plowing challenges over this winter. Further, it has caused the immediate neighborhood to be unfairly burdened with noise, clutter and an inability to enjoy the peace and quiet that we all value on the Peninsula. Initially, conversations with the occupants had proved ineffective. A letter was sent certified mail to the involved parties, those being the occupants of the home and the property owner. The letter seemed to have the desired effect.

The Board has worked out details with a towing company to be utilized if needed. New "Tow Away" signage has been placed at the entrance of the peninsula putting all members and guest on notice of the intent to tow vehicles that are illegally parked. This is a good time to repeat that there is **NO PARKING ON ANY LLPA ROADS** per the LLPA Bylaws. Further, there is no overnight parking at either the

boat launch, or the park. Permission to utilize the park for “event parking” is permitted with the approval of the Board. It is the hope and desire of the Board, that this situation will be corrected with the cooperation of the occupants, and perhaps some prodding of the property owner. If not, we will take the necessary steps afforded us through the Bylaws to ensure the health and safety of all it's membership.

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

**BOAT LAUNCH/BEACH USE:** The dock has been installed again with thanks to Jim Bottoms and a volunteer force. 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.

Dredging may required at the launch next year. As indicated last year, the State of Michigan permit process for dredging and or maintenance of boat launches has changed. The fee has gone from \$50 to \$500 and requires more detail. There is sand build up over the cement ramp, but the “deep hole” launch is still there. Please do your part by not “Power Loading” your boat off or onto your trailer. This practice will fill in the deep hole and will expedite the need for dredging to take place.

There is limited day parking available at the launch. All pets must be leashed and owners are required to clean up after their pets. Please be mindful of all users of the area. I have been approached by some of the membership that state they would use the area, but they are genuinely afraid of larger dogs that are unleashed and free to “run up on them”. G.T County does have a leash ordinance that is intended to protect both pet owner and resident.

Again, notification letters will go out to a few 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.

#### Walkers, Bikers and Autos:

Just a quick reminder to all who utilize the roadways on the Peninsula. Please follow the posted speed limit of 20 mph (only 15 mph in the narrows ) . Please slow down and drive safely, there are several “blind corners” on our roadways. We ask that the many walkers and bike riders follow safety protocol, and ride/walk on the correct side of the road, in single file when traffic approaches. The life you save, may be your own.

In other news:

### 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Fun Run/Walk

Diane Kuhn writes, "please join us for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Long Lake Peninsula Fun Run/Walk (about 2 miles), **Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>** at the park. Registration begins at 8:30 am and the event begins promptly at 9:00 am. It is **FREE** and includes ribbons for all participants, medals for the top finishers, food, water, freebies and raffle items from local businesses. Save the date, join the fun and make this a summer tradition! Contact Diane Kuhn 947-5342 if you have any questions or would be willing to volunteer.

### LLPA Annual Garage Sale

Nicole McCall is pleased to announce that the annual garage sale date for LLPA is slated for June 29<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am till 2:00 pm. Contact Nicole at 929-0425 for details and also to be included in site participation map.

### 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** and don't wait to be asked, LLPA dues are waived for Board Members meeting performance criteria. Nominations will be accepted at the LLPA Discussion Meeting as well. See Web site for more details.

### FYI Department:

The Long Lake Township has passed a "Fire Works Ordinance" which outlines the use of fireworks in the Township, with date and time restrictions. Please consult the Township regarding the restrictions if you intend to use fireworks in or around Long Lake Township.

I know that Jeff Gross was excited about the fact that Long Lake Township had granted American Waste the "preferred waste hauler" status for the entire Township. This news coupled with the fact that earlier this year, Waste Management sold their residential routes to American Waste, leaves only one other service provider. This should certainly pave the way for a single hauler on the Peninsula. Jeff and the entire Board were advocates for this single hauler system, due to the knowledge regarding the adverse weight issues that multiple trucks have on our "private roads". Please, if you currently do not have American Waste as your waste hauler provider, switch to them today!

### **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

- \*June 22<sup>nd</sup> **Saturday 9:00am LLPA Discussion Meeting @ Park**
- \*June 29<sup>th</sup> **Saturday 8:00am till 2:00pm Neighborhood Yard Sale**
- \*July 21<sup>st</sup> **Saturday 8:30am registration-9:00am start Fun Run/Walk**
- \*August 24<sup>th</sup> **Saturday 9:00am LLPA Annual Meeting @ Park**

\*June 10<sup>th</sup>, Monday 4:00 – 5:00 pm Long Lake Association Annual Discussion Meeting: 5:00 – 6:15 pm “Welcome Back to Paradise” social event at Boone's Long Lake Inn. Please consider joining this membership that helps look out for our lake quality and safety.

Please check out our website, [www.longlakepeninsula.org](http://www.longlakepeninsula.org). Nancy Zylstra has worked hard on updating and maintaining the site, 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 Bylaws and building regulations. You can also access the complete list of the Board of Trustees with contact information.

I have lost several emails over the last year. A combination of unfriendly servers or the such. I like the saying “I'm a low tech man living in a high tech world”. If you would like to be put on the LLPA email list to receive this newsletter and other fun and important updates, shoot me a email at [davek@teterop.com](mailto:davek@teterop.com) and I will add you to the list.

In closing, I want to ask the entire membership to consider the following. With Jeff's passing, the entire Board thought it appropriate to establish and plant a “Memorial Tree” in his memory. It is a beautiful red maple planted in the park, across from Jeff's home. Jeff's wife Angie, and his girls were thrilled with the idea. Board Member Jim Bottoms has covered initial cost for the tree and planting (\$355.00). No Association funds were used. If you would like to contribute, you may do so by sending a check made out to LLPA, and the accounting firm will deposit and make funds available upon the Boards request. The idea is that any additional funds over the cost of the tree will be used to place a sitting bench and possibly a plaque. Please consider donating, and I thank you kindly for your time and consideration.

Have a great Summer!

Sincerely,

David G. Knudsen, President  
Long Lake Peninsula Association.