

# Long Lake Peninsula Association

## 2017 Fall Newsletter



### A message from Therese Waters, LLPA President

What a great Indian Summer we had and now winter is right around the corner again. I see snow sticks going in and we are all hustling to deal with those leaves.

What a great community--- from the neighbors who offered their gorgeous flowers all summer to the

park clean-up crews in the spring and fall, dock helpers, road clearing crews and more. We have had several properties change hands and some new builds so take some time to welcome our new neighbors. Some of our older properties have been torn down and rebuilt--there are some nice changes in the neighborhood! New members have been jumping on the bandwagon to help on the board, at the park and some of our committees. Thank you to all who pitch in and make this a great place to live!

Our volunteer board of nine diverse trustees works hard all year doing the business of the association including handling the dues and delinquents, paying bills, caring for the roads, working on investments, keeping minutes and records, managing the website, the park and boat launch so the members can have a great quality of life and sanctuary here on Long Lake. The nature of the peninsula has changed. We have many more residents and most of them are now year round, as well as short and long term rental properties, which means more traffic on the roads, the park and the launch.

Even in the early days of the LLPA there was concern about maintaining privacy, limiting launch usage and concern about speeding and parking. The board continues to work with membership on these challenges. We have worked hard to communicate upcoming events and new initiatives such as the speed bumps and new launch keys at the annual

— continued on next page —

### Got Socks? An LLPA Fall Service Project

As a fall service

opportunity, we are collecting socks for Safe Harbor, the TC homeless shelter which now has a permanent home. Guests of Safe Harbor typically walk 4 - 6 miles a day all winter and often have limited access to laundry facilities. Durable winter socks in men's and women's sizes allow guests to keep their feet warm and dry. Sturdy socks won't wear holes in the heels and toes and are the most practical for the guests. We estimate that there are 75 - 90 people experiencing homelessness on the street and use Safe Harbor and the Goodwill Inn. Peter Starkel, a member of LLPA, was instrumental in getting Safe Harbor up and running.



There will be a bin at the park near the little library. The collection will continue through November. For additional information on Safe Harbor <https://www.gtsafeharbor.org/>

### Summer Bottle/Can Return Project

Thanks to everyone who participated in the can and bottle collection and the volunteers who took our empties and turned them into LLPA cash. This year's \$600 plus went toward our dredging project.

This has been a great service to those who cannot get to the machines to get MI deposits back and a wonderful fundraiser for our projects.

Any ideas for next year?

### Update on the LLPA Boat Launch

The dock came out Sunday, Nov. 5. We are glad to report that the launch at Crescent Shores is done. Our own boat launch was dredged this summer at considerable expense, so we thank everyone for their patience and also respecting that the launch is for members and guests rather than neighborhood friends. The decrease in outside boat and trailer traffic since the lock was changed was quite noticeable.

meeting and on the website and whiteboard. We also work with our partners (contractors, law enforcement, insurance provider and accountants) to protect LLPA assets and property and keep our roads and common areas safe.

While many people did not enjoy the speed bumps, they did work and there was less speeding through the narrows. Committed speeders persisted but most of us just need a gentle reminder that the road is curvy, narrow and busy. We will continue to work to calm traffic and promote safe roads. Some of our roads are showing their age. The Road Committee is looking ahead to 2020 when repaving will likely begin. Stay tuned on those developments. Some additional members are working with the committee to develop a comprehensive plan on how we will proceed with that large project.

Many members, including the board attended the township's rental property meeting. We are looking for members to join the LLPA Rental Committee this winter and help develop our own plan for controlling the over 15 rental properties on the peninsula. Look to our website for more information and stay tuned as we develop a new rental policy.

We listen to residents' concerns and handle incidents year-round that many members are unaware of. The increase in frequency and seriousness of issues like aggressive dogs, speeders, vandalism and trespassing continues to increase. Sadly, we have had several incidents of guests on the peninsula who have entered homes looking for medications. Law enforcement was involved. Please monitor and supervise your peninsula guests and lock your doors, even if you are in the yard or on the lake. It is the board's mission to balance the needs of individual members with the health and safety of the entire community but we need your help in staying vigilant.

We invite you to become involved with the LLPA by running for the board or joining one of the committees. We invite you to stay informed by checking our website for information that keeps you up to date on LLPA activity and our responses to any incidents here. Please feel free to continue to express your opinions and give us feedback on our initiatives.

I am proud of the work of the LLPA board- they are volunteers who are busy with their own property, careers, families and challenges just like you. They do important work in their service to this community. We appreciate your support as we look toward 2018!

Respectfully,  
Therese Waters  
LLPA President