



LONG LAKE PENINSULA ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER Spring 2012

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We get so busy with our daily lives and all of its challenges, that we forget about our blessings. What a treat to be able to come home to the Peninsula each day, or after a winter break. 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! Speaking of warm, an unusually warm spring with record temperatures in March and April was bound to confuse the fruit crops.

So as we 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 they have done. 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....."SNOWMAGEDDON 2012" was a sight to be seen, power loss for nearly a week. I was so proud to see all of the volunteers/neighbors the morning after pitching in to "clear a path" so vehicles could get in and out. Others checking on neighbors to see that they were ok. I had mentioned in last year's letter that "*the board can't do everything*". It was very encouraging and moving to hear that we had volunteers who are not members, rather who are renters helping with clean up from the storm. This truly is a wonderful place to call home. We also had a nice volunteer turn out for the Park Clean-Up day in May.....Thanks again to all.

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 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.

I have been informed by the State of Michigan that the permit process for dredging and or maintenance of boat launches have changed. The biggest being the fee which has gone from \$50 to \$500. The "deep hole" launch is still there, but each winter brings in additional sands. 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 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.

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. We have posted speed limits to follow. They are not merely suggestions. Please slow down and drive safely, there are several "blind corners" on our roadways. We ask that the many walkers and bike riders to 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:

6th Annual Fun Run/Walk

Diane Kuhn writes, "please join us to celebrate the 6th Anniversary of the **LLP Fun Run/Walk** on **Saturday, July 21st**. 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. Last year included raffle items from local businesses. Save the date and bring your friends, family and neighbors. This truly is a fun event to include the whole family. 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.

FYI Department:

It has come to my attention that we have an invasive plant, *Garlic Mustard* that has spread throughout the Peninsula. This plant is extremely prolific and can harm other plants and habitat when there is enough of it. It currently is forming seed pods and will spread within the next several weeks. To learn more about this invasive plant please go to <http://www.ipm.msu.edu/garlicmustard.htm>

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- *June 16th Saturday 9:00am LLPA Discussion Meeting @ Park
- *June 16th Saturday 8:00am till 4:00pm Neighborhood Yard Sale
- *July 21st Saturday 8:30am registration-9:00am start Fun Run/Walk
- *August 18th, Saturday 9:00am LLPA Annual Meeting @ Park

*June 11th, Monday 5:00 – 6:00 pm *Long Lake Association* Annual Discussion Meeting “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. (oops, already taken place)

*June 30th – on this Saturday, there will be a wedding reception hosted at a home in the “narrows”. Overflow parking for this event will be done at the Park with possible shuttle service. Please exercise extreme caution this day, as foot and auto traffic will be increased on our roadways.

Please check out our website, 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 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.