

SPRING 2017 LLPA NEWSLETTER

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Welcome spring! It was a relatively mild winter here in Northern Michigan and on our little slice of paradise on Long Lake. It's nice to see everyone moving about in the neighborhood as we all shake off the winter doldrums and climb out of our dens.

Thanks to the Grotes for hosting the cookie exchange. It was fun to gather and chat and a chance to welcome all of the new neighbors!

The board has been busy this winter taking care of LLPA business. Snow plowing and sanding is a big winter job. Getting our delinquent accounts paid takes a lot of time. We formed an ad hoc committee to discuss our insurance needs and risk management. Our sleepy little neighborhood is changing- full time residents and additional construction means that there are more people living here and they are not just on vacation. This is also true of the neighborhoods close to us. We have had some issues that we are addressing through a comprehensive program to manage our risks, improve the community and to increase/protect our property values.

The Parks and Recreation Committee is having the boat launch lock re-keyed. My key is 22 years old! We have many people using the launch (and our roads) that are not residents. The new lock will require a key that is specifically numbered and registered to the LLPA owner. Details for distribution of the new launch keys will be on the website and whiteboard. Thank you to Long Lake Marina for "sponsoring" the brightly colored floating key fobs! Summer will be here soon - it sure will be nice to launch a boat!

Our roads are private and are for members and guests only. Law enforcement and our insurance carrier have urged us to discourage outsiders from walking and driving on our private roads. Please be considerate when approaching cars or walkers and asking if they are members here. It is up to all the members to reduce outside foot and car traffic.

Speaking of traffic- - when the weather warms up, things get busy and we all seem to be in a hurry. The speed limit is posted on the peninsula and is only 15 mph through the narrows. We see cars driving by at 40 mph- truly scary. Many folks were surprised to learn that the road through the narrows is an easement granted by the property owners and not a platted road. It was intended to be a "carriage-way" and IS narrow. Please do not stray onto the owners' properties & please **slow down**. Look for new speed bumps to be installed for the summer months as a reminder.

Several fences and posts were hit when people slid on icy roads. Ouch! Please let us know if you are responsible for any damage to signs, posts or park fences. A friendly reminder to your speedy neighbors is a great idea but let us know if you need LLPA intervention.

Many of you know that we had a dog control situation last fall which has been resolved. It was an opportunity for us to encourage the county to fully fund Animal Control. Also, a good reminder to keep

our furry friends on a leash and under control. As the snow melts, we are seeing some nasty piles-- please carry bags and clean up after your pet.

Wow! We had some heavy rain that washed sand and gravel onto our roads--please get out and sweep it off. When we drive over sand and gravel it prematurely degrades our pavement. And that wind brought down trees, and branches. Remember it is EVERY homeowner's responsibility to keep their property clear of excess dead wood and trees, even those who live out of town or own empty lots. Clean those shoulders and be sure that your trees and shrubs are not encroaching on the road or anyone's ability to see safely when driving or walking. Chipping Day is May 19 - see the website for details. Also, there is a junk ordinance in the township and the LLPA now has updated its rules against storing unregistered, decaying vehicles, boats, docks, etc. on the peninsula. Be a good neighbor and clean up your yard.

The board works hard to maintain the roads, finances, the park and boat launch, website and records. Construction permits are issued. We chase down delinquents, answer calls about dogs, lost items, building requirements, park reservations, speeders, disturbances and more! Your involvement is essential to keeping this peninsula in tip top shape and a great place to live. We are honored to serve you and want to make the Peninsula a restful community and to maintain our high property values. Please consider:

- *running for a board seat or serving on a committee
- *taking over the Fun Run
- *walking with a bag and picking up road side trash
- *helping with Park Clean Up or the Sign restoration
- *giving a neighbor a hand with road or brush clean up
- *driving the speed limit
- *keeping your pet on a leash and picking up dog waste
- *obeying noise laws & Township rules on fireworks and gun discharges
- *getting rid of junk stored on property & dead wood/brush

If you see a board member- please thank them for their service!! They are doing a great job keeping the wheels of the LLPA turning. I am honored to serve as your president and I am looking forward to a wonderful summer here on Long Lake.

Respectfully,

Therese Waters
LLPA President

CALENDAR :

Chipping Day - Friday May 19

June Discussion meeting - Saturday June 17 9am

August Annual Meeting - Saturday Aug 12 9am