

Spring

Long Lake Peninsula Association 2019 Spring Newsletter

A message from our President

Hello to the homeowners that survived the long winter here and welcome back to those that spent the winter away. Due to the recent warm weather the lake is starting to show signs of the ice coming off. Last year's ice did not come off until May 1st.

As the abundance of snow melts it begins to reveal last fall's forgotten beauty or that missing glove/mitten lost in the nearly nine feet of snow we received. Don't let those late leaves, that fell after you had painstakingly raked all fall, now become someone else's nuisance. Please be mindful that the big gusts of wind that come with spring can blow the leaves into your neighbor's yard or into the lake. Take some time to clean them up and enjoy the warmer weather in the process.

The ice melting from the roads has left a lot of remaining sand. While we obtain bids to clean this up, any clean-up you as a homeowner can do will hold down those overall costs and be greatly appreciated.

This winter produced nearly nine feet of snow. November came on strong with a good storm mid-month that hampered many of our yard cleanups. It also created challenges keeping the roads drivable with freeze/thaw cycles creating icy situations despite the use of sand and ice melt. We used close to 10% of our annual snow removal budget by early December. Despite popular opinion, this sudden unexpected use of funds did not influence the roads' snowplow sand/ice melt decision then or during the remaining winter. As of this writing we have exceeded our snow plowing budget slightly. However, it will not be necessary to go to the membership to make up the shortfall. Please thank those involved with the road maintenance over the winter.

David Handke, LLPA President

Walkers

As the weather gets nicer more and more people are beginning to walk the peninsula. Drivers need to be alert and drive a little slower. We have narrower roads than public streets, thus causing vehicles to pass each other very closely.



To keep everyone safe please remember the speed limit from the entrance to the top of the hill at the narrows is 15 mph. It is curvy and narrow. The rest of the peninsula is 20 mph.

Always walk facing traffic. This gives you the best chance to see cars approaching you and the driver and walker can assure a safe distance.

Walkers are also reminded to leash their dog(s) and pick up after them (what looks to you as a free-range poop zone might be someone's garden or a child's play area).

Spring Road Work

Our road resurfacing project will occur in May. We have been in close contact with Elmer's and are assured it will begin shortly after the county lifts the vehicle weight limits. It would be preferred to keep heavy construction vehicles off these new surfaces for as long as reasonable. Please visit our website for current details.



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Rental Properties



Members with rental properties on the peninsula should take note that the Long Lake Township expects to pass their ordinances related to rental properties in the township. You can obtain a draft of their proposed ordinance from the township. The LLPA anticipates the ability to leverage the township's ordinance & enforcement in addition to the Association's.

Cottage Etiquette for Renters is a handout that we developed that you should give to your tenants. Post this in your rental and have tenants sign off on it so you know they are aware of our rules. Remember, ultimately you, the member, are responsible for making sure all guests and tenants are aware of and do not violate peninsula regulations. If you have given us your contact info already, thank you. If not (or if you need to update your information) please email or return your **Rental Owner Contact Information** to the secretary so if necessary, we can reach you more efficiently. These documents are available on the LLPA website.

Parking

With our narrow roads and for our residents' safety it is critical that everyone follow the LLPA bylaw rule that there is no parking on any peninsula road. All four tires need to be off the road. Keep this in mind as you have yardwork and maintenance done and friends over. If you need additional parking you can contact Dave Waeltz to discuss parking options.

SAFE HARBOR

The LLPA members responded very favorably again this last winter, donating 43 pairs of new sweatshirts and pants during the Safe Harbor (Traverse City) call out for clothing. Although the winter is mainly behind us, you should keep this organization in mind as many retailers have begun to liquidate their winter clothing.

Boat Launch

The docks at the boat launch will be installed once the ice is off and the water is a reasonably safe temperature for the crew installing them. Launch keys are available for members and the details are available on our website. Please note that if you transfer property ownership the key must be returned to the LLPA and not to the new property owner.



Annual Long Lake Peninsula Multi-Family Yard Sale

Saturday, June 22nd
8AM – 1PM

Please email Nicole at jnkmccall@yahoo.com to sign-up or to have your questions answered.

In your email please provide the following information:

- Your name, address and phone number.
- Items of interest to post in newspaper and online ads.

