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THE NEWSLETTER OF LONG LAKE CLOVERDALE ASSOCIATION

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Presidents Corner



David Jackson

Hello Long Lakers! As many of you are aware, longtime LLCA president David Messelink retired in July of 2016. I had the privilege of being elected to serve as LLCA president, but realized I had some big shoes to fill. With the support of our sixteen member board, we have put

together a great plan for 2017 and although some things will change, our primary focus remains building a spectacular lake community. My wife Deborah and I have been full time residents of Long Lake since June of 1993. When we moved to Long Lake nearly 24 years ago, we had one three month old son. This year two of our children graduated from college and now have one high school senior remaining. Yes, time does fly, but we have enjoyed the many friendships & wonderful memories on Long Lake. Every year we continue to meet new friends on the lake, the lake association becomes a little bigger, and the community a little closer. I know many of you have told me you love the lake, but it is your get-a-way, your escape. You support the lake association, but you are not looking to be on the board; you are looking for peace & quiet, campfires and fresh air. I get and support that and I hope we can count on your continued support for the association. If you are looking to be connected to your lake community, we have several events and opportunities to join the fun and meet your fellow Long Lakers. Long Lake is your personal paradise and we know that means something different to everyone. If I can do anything to enhance your experience on Long Lake, please do not hesitate to email, text or call. Welcome!

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LLCA Family Fun Night: March 18th – 6:00 pm

Welcome to Long Lake 2017 Edition! The lake is frozen, the wind howls and you may not recognize your bundled up next door neighbor, but rest assured, your lake association board is hard at work thinking about the slate of activities for this year. We know that frozen faces will soon turn to sunburns & swimsuits, pontoons & fishing poles. We can't wait! In honor of March 20th being the official first day of spring, we hope you will celebrate with your Long Lake friends at LLCA Family Fun Night. The event is on Saturday

evening March 18th, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm at the Delton Moose Lodge. The Price is Right has been



Dinner and a Show 2016

retired, but we have a full slate of games & fun events for all who wish to participate. We are confident you will enjoy an evening of fun & fellowship mixing with your friends both old and new. If you are new to our community, we sincerely hope you can attend - we would love to meet you! Bring a dish to pass or bring your secret family award winning chili and enter in the LLCA Chili Cook Off. Stay tuned for details on food, fun and games. We will have information and RSVP request communicated via email and social media. Join LLCA on the links below:

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Join Long Lake Cloverdale Association

You are invited!!! Please join the Long Lake Cloverdale Association. Your \$25.00 yearly membership not only supports the many events throughout the summer, but also provides funding for lake improvements including the addition of lighting at the boat launch this spring / summer. Your association board is comprised of 16 dedicated Long Lake residents that work throughout the year to help improve the lake community. Doug Bamfield, Vice President, leads the Conservation Committee. Ken Chandler, Secretary of the association leads the

Communications Committee. Mary Beth Jovanovich leads the Social Committee and maintains our social media sites and Shannon



Food Drive 2016

Bessette has been our leader for all things Long Lake Apparel. Nyla Stevens is our treasurer and manages the details of the association. Many of these leaders work full time jobs, but have a passion for Long Lake, the association, and making Long Lake Cloverdale one of southwest Michigan's exceptional lake living destinations. We want your input and your ideas for improving this community. Your membership in the association may not seem like much, but with over 200 families that call Long Lake home, your support for our lake community makes a difference. We appreciate your support! Please click the link below and join your friends & neighbors as members of the Long Lake Cloverdale Association.

[Click here to join LLCA](#)

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Services Offered

If you have someone on the lake that would like to advertise a personal service please send the details to us via [email](#)



We are looking for babysitting services, dog sitting services, housesitters, boat and dock removal/setup services, computer - tech support...

Communications Committee is Going Green

We plan to switch to all electronic communication this year. We are trying to reduce the cost and time involved with snail mail. We are using a marketing tool called MailChimp to distribute flyers and announcements.



Going Green with Mary Beth

Please make sure these communications do not end up in your junk or spam folders. We need your help to make sure we always have your current up to date email address. Please email us at llca.communicationsteam@gmail.com if you need to update your email address.



Hand Made by Greg Lake

Conservation & Safety Committee News

We have been working with the DNR on several projects for 2017. We are exploring the possibility and feasibility of installing an Osprey platform on the lake. Everyone loves to see the eagles in the winter, and with a platform we might be able to attract a pair of Ospreys (commonly called Fish Eagles) to our lake. We know they are in the area and would be a welcome addition to Long Lake. Stay tuned for more on this potential project as it progresses.

We are also working with the DNR to install a solar powered light at the public landing. It is our hope that this light, along with increased sheriff patrols of the landing will increase safety at the landing. This is part of a larger Neighborhood Watch program we are discussing for a potential launch in 2017.



Doug Bamfield

Weed Management Update

We have had a relatively mild winter as far as the amount of ice covering the lake and the thickness of the ice. We have even had residents kayaking on the lake in late January. Not only does thin ice work against the ice fisherman and skaters, but it is also very bad for the amount of potential weed growth for this year. The lack of ice and thinness of the ice allows higher than normal amounts of sunlight to penetrate to the weed beds, restarting the growth cycle sooner than normal. We will be monitoring the lake and foresee the possibility that weed treatments could start earlier than normal. We will keep residents informed of treatments through emails and postings on our website, Facebook and Twitter. Areas being treated will have signage placed on shore listing treatment used and any restriction on water use.

Winter Wonders on Long Lake By Ken Chandler, LLCA Secretary



Ken Chandler

What was that noise you ask? Lying in bed on a cold winter's night, the Long Lake Ice Monster was very active, snap, crackle, pop. December cold and snow had frozen most of Long Lake by the 15th – earlier than many years. With consistently cold temperatures, the ice fishermen were out in force, the ducks & geese disappeared and winter had its grip on Long Lake. If you are listening, winter on the lake has many cool sounds.

Ice Education 101: It is interesting how a lake freezes. Water is most dense at about 40 degrees. So as the surface water cools due to the air temperature it cools to 40 degrees and then sinks toward the bottom. The warmer water below then rises to the surface and the cycle continues until the entire lake from top to bottom is 40 degrees. Then the top water cools down gradually, but does not sink, until it reaches 32 degrees and freezes. The water right below the new ice cools and freezes. This continues and the ice thickens. As it becomes thicker and thicker there comes a point where the air temperature cannot cool water at the bottom of the ice to make more ice. This happens because as it snows the snow acts as an insulator. So, if we never got any snow and the air temperature stayed very cold the lake could freeze all the way to the bottom. But fortunately, that never happens due to snow, the sun and fortunately the arrival of spring.

Another interesting thing about ice formation is that as water freezes it expands. You probably have had a bottle of pop (or beer!) freeze and had the can burst or the top come off. As the lake water freezes it wants to expand under the already frozen ice above it. As it does it causes the ice above it to crack and sometimes a loud snap or growling noise happens. This can be very loud as the cracking ice moves across itself and there have been numerous times this winter where it has been so loud that one can believe that there is a "Long Lake Ice Monster" growling under the ice. An eerie sensation at the least! Another cool & eerie sound is the air bubbles trapped under the ice moving to the edges. They appear to gain momentum in late winter as the ice starts to retreat, but the gurgling and popping sounds are an unmistakable sign that spring is coming soon. Every season on the lake has its beauty and natural wonder. Winter is no exception, however I think most of us would agree, the sounds of boats on the lake on an 85 degree day, are preferred to midnight noise of the Long Lake Ice Monster.

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