

# SHORELINES

## THE NEWSLETTER OF LONG LAKE CLOVERDALE ASSOCIATION

May 2018

### Presidents Corner



*David Jackson*

Welcome to Summer 2018! I sincerely hope you get a chance to stop by Ackers Point Resort on Monday May 28<sup>th</sup> and kick off the season of summer in style with your fellow Long Lakers. Sweet treats, coffee, smiles and friendships are on the menu from 10:00 am to noon. If you are new to Long Lake, this is a great opportunity to meet

the leadership of your LLCA board, and many of your soon to be new friends. Long Lake prides itself in being a warm & friendly aqua community and we would love to personally welcome you!

Doughnuts on the Dock is also the official start to our 2018 Membership drive. 2017 was a record year for Long Lake Cloverdale with just shy of 130 households joining the association. You can be as involved as you want to be in the association, or a silent partner. Either way, we appreciate you joining your fellow Long Lakers who believe strongly in the protection and wellbeing of our lake. Your \$25.00 annual membership fee helps support social activities, water quality monitoring, invasive weed research and protection and other improvements such as solar lighting at the boat launch. Click this link to join now! <https://www.long-lake.org/membership.html>

It just wouldn't feel like the start of summer if I didn't talk about my favorite day of the summer .....Celebration of Long Lake 2018!!! Mark your calendars: Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. Coming soon to your mail box is the notice of the association annual membership meeting at 9:15 am, along with details for the fishing contest, fun run on water, ice cream social & games at Acker Point, live music on the lake front by "Brena" <https://www.brenaband.com/> and at dusk the famous Long Lake Fireworks show. Every donation – big or small - is vital and necessary for funding this great day on Long Lake. I feel blessed to live in such a generous community and your association respects that by not asking for money very often. We only ask that you join the association and please support Celebration of Long Lake! We have a board of 16 diverse and dedicated individuals who work hard year-round for the protection, improvement and well-being Long Lake. I thank you in advance for your

### Mark Your Calendars

**Donuts on the Dock - Monday May 28<sup>th</sup>, 10am – Noon**, Ackers Point Resort. Long Lake apparel pre ordered items will be available for pickup and purchase.

#### **Long Lake Yard Sales - Saturday June 9th**

If you are having a yard sale on June 9th, go to the website, [www.long-lake.org/yard-sales.html](http://www.long-lake.org/yard-sales.html), and complete the yard sale form. I will post this on our Facebook group page and reference this website list in the Reminder ad. Yard Sale Signs are available the week of sales.

#### **Apparel Pickup and Sales - Saturday June 16 10-12pm**

Come and pickup your pre-paid items and shop for more at: 5075 Hurt Drive, Delton, Beige Pole Barn

#### **Annual Membership Drive**

Renew now! The annual membership fee is only \$25. This helps to support the events throughout the summer and provides funding for many lake improvements. To pay your membership go to: [www.long-lake.org](http://www.long-lake.org), click the **Donate** button on the left!

#### **Celebration & Fireworks - July 14th**

The Celebration of Long Lake will take place on Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. We rely entirely on your generous support to fund the day's events, ending with a live concert at 7:30 pm and some of the best fireworks in the area. To **donate** to the Celebration & Fireworks fund go to: [www.long-lake.org](http://www.long-lake.org)

#### **Second Apparel Pickup and Sales - July 14th Camp Michawana** - 8:30 am - Before Membership Breakfast

#### **Taste of Long Lake – Sunday September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1-3pm**

Only 200 tickets are sold for this event, we are looking for volunteers to be a Taste Host.

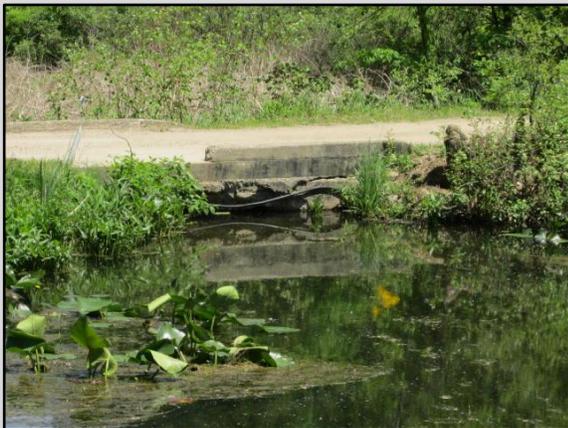
**New to Long Lake?** If you are new to the Long Lake community, please go to the Members Update page, [www.long-lake.org/member-update.html](http://www.long-lake.org/member-update.html)

financial donation to support your lake association and allow them to continue to support this awesome lake community!

Welcome to summer! Welcome to sunburns and sunsets and all the fun lake activities you can squeeze in between the Kayaks and campfires, jumping fish and jumping wakes.....just don't wake us up early. Please be safe, be respectful, be a member of the Long Lake Association and make some great memories that will make you smile when you look back on summer 2018! See you on the Lake!

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Outlet on North End



Inlet from Cloverdale Lake

## The Connection – Cloverdale Lake & Long Lake

In 1854 Ansel Kingsbury built a vertical sawmill near the south shore of Long Lake and powered it with water from Cloverdale Lake which was 16 feet above Long Lake. The water came via a channel dug from Cloverdale Lake. After the demand for sawed lumber decreased he converted it to a grist mill using millstones. Eventually Cloverdale Lake lowered enough so that water would not flow in the channel and the mill was dismantled and stood empty until 1887 when it was converted to living quarters. The mill was located about where the first house is on Guernsey Lake Road today. Around 1900 the channel between the lakes was buried under the road using a culvert. Over the years Cloverdale Lake rose and fell and in 1992 it rose to a high point that flooded cottages that had been built along M-43. The owners obtained a permit from the DNR to install a 10 inch drain from Cloverdale Lake to Long Lake, which still exists today. If you look closely you can see the patch in Guernsey Lake Road where the drain crosses. The drain follows along Guernsey Lake Road and then along CK&S Trail. About 50 feet down CK&S Trail it exits the ground and the water drops into Long Lake. Take a walk down CK&S Trail and you can hear the waterfall and see what comes from Cloverdale Lake into Long lake.

Every Long Lake property owner should have received a notice from the office of the Barry County Drain Commissioner for a meeting scheduled on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – 6:30 pm at Delton Kellogg High School. This meeting is designed to determine if the latest water problems on M-43 in the low area south of Cloverdale Road requires action. There is a possibility that a drain may be put in under M-43 into Cloverdale Lake. An expansion of the drain that connects Cloverdale Lake and Long Lake is also a possibility. The drain commissioner's office has indicated that MDOT is the likely payer of this project. If MDOT does not cover the entire cost of the project a board of determination would establish an assessment district to cover the remaining cost. This would probably include all the Chain of Lakes and Long Lake property owners. If the drain between Cloverdale Lake and Long Lake is increased, Long Lake will in turn seek improvements to the drain on the north end of Long Lake going under M-43. The drain commissioner appears to agree with those improvements. We will be watching closely as this project progresses and will post updates on the LLCA website. -Ken Chandler, Secretary LLCA

## Lake Conservation & Safety Committee

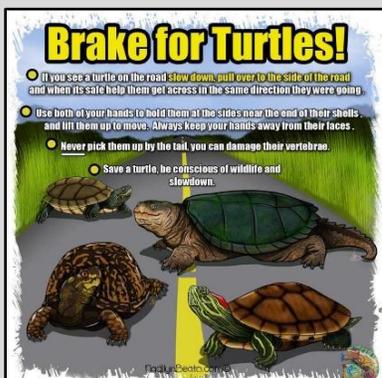
Some of you may notice a new addition at the boat launch soon. Chris Lapins has been working hard on putting together a solar powered lot light for the launch area at night. This project was approved by the DNR last year and should bring a level of safety to the boat launch at night. It will be installed pointed inland so there should not be a new night light in anyone's window

The three safety buoys are out at the rock piles near the sand bar. Please do not move these since they do mark the areas of large rocks to help prevent damage to boats.

Once again we ask that everyone please follow the basic boating rules for watercraft. These include having life jackets for each individual, staying at least one hundred feet from docks, other boats, swimmers, moving in a counter-clockwise direction around the lake, etc. We will have copies of the guidelines, rules, and laws pamphlets for no charge at the annual meeting.

We have had people asking about ways to minimize pollution getting into our lake. Here are just a few ideas that could help. Make sure that if you are fertilizing the parts of your lawn which are close to the lake that you are using phosphorus free fertilizer (middle number on the bag front should be 0) and try to minimize the amount close to the water. Please clean up after your pets waste so it does not reach the water. Also avoid domestic animals around the lake (like chickens, goats, etc.) due the fact that their waste is very nutrient high and a possible source of e-coli.

Finally, we are sure most if not all of you have received your letter from the Drain Commissioner about a special meeting at the Delton High School, in the LGI room, on May 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. This is an important meeting about the Cloverdale Drain. We think it is safe to assume they want to add Long Lake to the Drain District which will have a direct impact on your taxes and we urge all who are able to attend.



## Weed Management Program, 2018

It does not seem possible that we are entering the 12<sup>th</sup> year of our weed management program. In 2006 there were areas on this lake where boats could barely move a hundred yard without having to back up to clear the weeds from their prop, only to have to stop shortly after and do it again. In the summer of that year a meeting was called for all residents of the lake, the result of which was the formation of the Long Lake-Cloverdale Association. We have come a long ways since that meeting, with the weed management program starting the next year (2007) with some pretty amazing results by that fall.

We are entering the second year of our third five year plan, with this year's program being similar to last years. First treatment is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup> subject to weather conditions. Our second treatment is expected during the third week in June, primarily for Cabomba and Starry Stonewart. We may do a follow-up treatment in July if needed. Lily pads will be treated close to dock areas only toward the later part of August.

We are anticipating doing a Sonar treatment next year in May. This treatment is very effective against Eurasian Milfoil, Large Leaf Pondweed, and Illinois Pondweed. We only do this treatment once during each 5 year plan due to its high cost. Water quality tests will be taken during the summer and submitted to DEQ for approval for this treatment. As last year, yellow signs will be posted in the areas treated and any restriction on water usage. We will also list this information on our website and Facebook.

Doug Bamfield, VP LLCA  
Weed Management Program Coordinator

## Michigan Waterways Commission Takes Bold Action

April 10, 2018

Long Lakers were made aware of the recommendation by the Michigan Waterways Commission primarily because they wanted to impose a \$10.00 fee on all Kayaks, Paddle boards and canoes. That part of the resolution was not considered by the Michigan Legislature and is dead. The part that did catch our attention is the State of Michigan's recognition of the threat that aquatic invasive species are creating to Michigan lakes and waterways. The potential exists to receive funding to help fight this nuisance vs. the financial burden being squarely left in the laps of lake front property owners. Long Lake Cloverdale Association is a member of the Michigan Lakes & Streams Association and the Michigan Waterfront Alliance.



By Paul J. Sniadecki, ML&SA Board Director

The Michigan Waterways Commission (WWC) is a seven-member advisory board appointed by the Michigan Governor. The WWC works with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on the use of dedicated funds, provided by boaters, for the acquisition, development and maintenance of Public Harbors and Boating Access Sites (BAS) on inland lakes, as well as certain locks and dams. The main revenue available to the WWC comes from Watercraft Registration Fees and Marine Fuel Taxes.

The "bold action" occurred on February 23, 2018, when the WWC adopted Resolution No 02-2018-01, which proposed that the Michigan Legislature create the "Michigan Boating Access, Public Safety, and Economic Development Act of 2018." Element No 6 of the Resolution asks the legislature to "...Consider a separate surcharge (sticker) for invasive species control for all vessels including non-resident craft..."

That bold step by the WWC suggests Michigan should begin to broadly fund Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) control in a manner aligned with processes already in place by several other progressive states. It also seeks to place the fees on ALL watercraft that use the waters of Michigan, not just Michigan Boaters. As many riparians have concluded, the main pathway for the spread of AIS is contaminated watercraft moving between lakes/streams, and this proposal has the potential to address some of those concerns.

The precise provisions of how such a program would work are not known at this time. However, riparians are encouraged to be vigilant and be ready to support the proposed act, if the details are favorable for true AIS control. Hopefully the future language would include a spending formula that funds preventive actions (e.g. Decontamination Stations at all boating access sites), as well as funds for the annual treatment of AIS in already infested lakes/streams (e.g. matching funds for Special Assessment Districts established for AIS control).



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