

# SHORELINES

## THE NEWSLETTER OF LONG LAKE CLOVERDALE ASSOCIATION

May 2017

### Presidents Corner



*David Jackson*

I hope you had a chance to enjoy Summer Kick Off at Acker's Point Resort. It was great to catch up with so many of our friends from Long Lake and welcome several new families. If you are new to Long Lake, or just want to get more connected to your lake community, there will be several opportunities this summer to get plugged in at your comfort level. To start, we hope you will join the Long Lake Cloverdale Association (LLCA). You are joining a vast majority of your friends & neighbors who believe in the protection & wellbeing of Long Lake and a thriving, friendly community. I hope every family will support your lake community for the nominal \$25.00 per year LLCA membership dues. Thank you!

Mark your calendars.....Celebration of Long Lake is July 8th and we are beyond excited! We start the day with LLCA Annual Membership meeting at 9 am at the chapel at Camp Michawana. Long Lake apparel will be for sale and breakfast will be served starting at 8:30 am. The fishing contest starts immediately afterwards. The famous Fun Run will start at 1 pm with draws being done at Acker's Point starting at 2:30, along with the start of the Ice cream Social & games for kids. Silent Bark will be our band for live entertainment starting at 7:30 pm, and the day's events will culminate with one of the best fireworks displays in the area. Weather guarantee: 84 degrees & sunny!

We need your support! Fireworks are expensive. We are blessed to have an extremely generous community and without your support, there is no way we could pull off Celebration 2017. Every donation makes a difference - \$25.00 - \$50.00 - \$150.00 - it all helps fund a great day of fun, sun, friendship and endless entertainment on Long Lake! You can follow the attached donation links or watch your mail for the LLCA flyer & donation envelope. Please return your donation envelope as soon as possible as we need to commit to our fireworks provider for our show. The envelope also has RSVP information for the Annual meeting and your 2017 LLCA membership. Thank you for your generous donation and continued support of Long Lake!

### Mark Your Calendars

#### **Long Lake Yard Sales - Saturday June 17**

If you are having a yard sale on June 17th, 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.

#### **First Apparel Pickup and Sales - Saturday June 17 10-12pm**

- 5075 Hurt Drive, Delton, MI - Watch email & Facebook for updates & reminders.

#### **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 8th**

The Celebration of Long Lake will take place on Saturday, July 8<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), click the **Donate** button on the right!

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

**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), We communicate via email and social media and would love to keep in touch with you.



### Presidents Corner continued...

Did you know: Our Long Lake community is made up of over 210 families? I recently read a post from an excited Long Laker whose cottage has been in the family for six generations – Wow! About half of the homes on Long Lake are now full time residents. Families from as far away as North Carolina and Florida own property on Long Lake and enjoy their summers in this exceptional community. As we kick off summer 2017, I wish you many sunset pontoon rides, sand bar reunions and crackling campfires with your friends, family and fellow Long Lakers. Thank you again for your membership in the LLCA & your donation to Celebration of Long Lake! Please be safe, and we will see you on the lake!

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*Photos from Summer Kick Off 2017 at Ackers Point*



### **Lake Education 101: 2017 Boating Laws**

Early summer is always a great time to get a refresher on Michigan's many boating laws for the protection of family, your visitors and your pocket book. We are going to highlight just a few of the many boating regulations.

**Drinking & Boating:** Michigan law does not prohibit drinking on the water, but that's where the leniency stops. Just as operating a motor vehicle under the influence is illegal, so is jumping behind the wheel of a boat. A blood alcohol level of .08 or above constitutes operating under the influence. As boaters on Michigan's water, you automatically consent to alcohol testing if requested by law enforcement.

**Personal Watercraft or PWC's** are a favorite of many young visitors to Long Lake, however some residents don't know the PWC boating laws or don't enforce them with family and guests. Please remember the owner of the PWC is likely to be held financially responsible for any damages or injuries caused by a person riding your PWC. Here are a few of the regulations for PWC use in Michigan:

- 1.) No one under the age of 14 may operate a PWC.
- 2.) Anyone born after July 31, 1978 and at least 16 years old must have a boater safety certificate to operate a PWC. (If you are between the ages of 16 and 39 you need a boater safety certificate to operate a PWC).
- 3.) It is illegal to operate a PWC during the period that begins at sunset and ends at 8:00 a.m. (not dark)
- 4.) A PWC may not cross behind another boat closer than 150 feet, except another PWC.

Michigan law states that engine noise may not exceed 75 decibels when measured from shore. If you are loud and proud, you may be on your way to a ticket.

Note to skiers, tubers & wake boarders: Michigan boating rules require that a vessel and any person being towed at more than a no wake speed must not come within 100 feet of a moored or anchored vessel, a marked swimming area or a person in the water, a dock or raft, or a shoreline.

## Conservation & Lake Safety Committee Tips

Everyone wants to help keep our lake clean and healthy. It is a known fact that natural shoreline barriers help keep pollutants out of our lake. This does not mean that you have to have a jungle along your shoreline, just an area of shrubs, grasses, and flowers to create a filter area between your lawn and the lake. We have compiled some of the reasons a natural shoreline is beneficial to our lake: The roots of plants and trees near the lake keep soil and sand from being washed away and thus stabilize the shoreline.

Living shorelines are beautiful and provide homes for wildlife like frogs, birds, and fish.



Natural shorelines reduce the cost of building a sea wall.

When left natural, living shorelines reduce the need for grass, fertilizer and mowing.

Four feet of natural vegetation is recommended to keep fertilizer from washing into our lake and causing algal blooms, increased weed growth, and reducing water clarity.

Natural vegetation absorbs the energy of waves and reduces erosion.

The shallow roots of mowed grass allow runoff from our lawns to carry pollution like pet waste and fertilizer, into our lake.

We are fortunate to have the natural shorelines of Camp Michiwana and Trantham's Farm on our lake. Thank them and do your part as well.

A great source for information on natural shorelines and native plants for use in those shorelines can be found at [www.mishorelinepartnership.org](http://www.mishorelinepartnership.org)

*Doug Bamfield, Vice President LLCA*

## Boating Laws Continued...

Is there a proper direction to travel around the lake in my boat? Yes - Counter clockwise. Please, no exceptions. It is much safer with all boats under power traveling counter clockwise, especially boats in tow. You may be ticketed for unsafe boating if you are under power; driving clockwise causing unsafe conditions on an inland lake.

In regards to the "narrows" - It is illegal to anchor in the traveled portion of a river or channel in such a manner that it would prevent or interfere with any other vessel travelling through the same area.

Chasing, harassing, or disturbing wildlife with your boat or PWC is always illegal

**Who must wear a PFD (life jacket)?** All vessels must be equipped with a personal flotation device for each person on board or being towed. Children less than 6 years of age must wear a PFD when riding in the open deck area of a boat. Each person operating, riding on or being towed behind a personal watercraft (jet ski) must wear a PFD (that is not an inflatable device). Each person less than 12 years of age riding or being towed, behind a personal watercraft (jet ski) must wear a PFD.

If you are stopped by the Marine Patrol you will be asked to show a life preserver for each person onboard and if your boat is less than 26 feet you need the registration and a fire extinguisher. Even canoes and kayaks are required to have a personal flotation device for each person onboard.

This article represents a small sample of Michigan Boating Laws and Regulations. To further your educations, go to: Hand Book of Michigan Boating Laws:

[https://www.boat-ed.com/assets/pdf/handbook/mi\\_handbook\\_entire.pdf](https://www.boat-ed.com/assets/pdf/handbook/mi_handbook_entire.pdf)

*Ken Chandler, Secretary LLCA*



## Getting a little "Fishy" on Long Lake

This article is dedicated to a few fun & fishy facts about our tasty friends known as the Bluegill, found commonly on all parts of Long Lake. The Bluegill is part of the sunfish family which includes crappies, largemouth and smallmouth bass, rock bass and other fishes not called sunfish. The bluegill, red ear, pumpkinseed, redbreast, warmouth, green and long ear are the most popular sunfish. Sunfish can adapt to almost any type of water, except for cold lakes and streams. Some species of sunfish can produce as many as 200,000 fry. Bluegills are the most widespread and abundant sunfish species.

They were originally found only in the eastern half of the U.S., but stocking has expanded their range to include every state but Alaska. Although they grow larger than most other sunfish, bluegills seldom exceed 10 inches or 1 pound in size. Anglers commonly catch 6 to 9 inch bluegills with the world record at one time was 4 pounds, 12 ounces.

The time for sunfish to start bedding is when the water reaches 68 degrees and the bluegill prefers 69 degrees. In laboratory tests bluegills fed most heavily in 81-degree water. They did not feed when the water was below 50 degrees or above 88 degrees. Obviously, our bluegills do not conform to these test results since they need to feed over the winter and during some days in August! So, it's time to get on the lake now and feed the bluegills some worms and then break out the frying pans and deep fat fryers. (My secret breeding mix is 1/3 flour, 1/3 pancake batter and 1/3 Panko bread crumbs!).

Good Luck & Enjoy! - Ken Chandler, Secretary LLCA



## Electric Shock Drowning

### What you need to know ...

ESD victims are good candidates for successful Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). Learn to perform CPR and maintain your training.

-To retrieve a person in the water, **reach, throw, and row, but don't go.**

-Tell others about ESD. Most people have never heard of it and are unaware of the danger.

-Make sure your children understand the importance of not swimming anywhere there could be electricity. Don't let them roughhouse on docks. Tell them what to do if they feel a tingling or shock in the water.

For more information and to read the complete article this information was obtained from go to: <http://www.boatus.com/seaworthy/magazine/2013/july/electric-shock-drowning-explained.asp>

-Contributed by Shannon Bessette

## New Invasive Weed in Long Lake

We have picked up a new invasive weed in our lake called Starry Stonewort. This algae type weed can grow in very thick mats up to two or three feet thick and very dense. Little if any of the native plants can grow up through this dense vegetation which kind of makes it a living desert. Another problem with this invasive is that some of the areas it likes are also the prime breeding areas of our native fish like Blue Gills, Largemouth Bass, Speckled Bass, and Sunfish.

Treatment of this invasive began last fall and will continue with the first treatment this spring scheduled for May 31<sup>st</sup>. The produce used on this will be copper sulfate which is the same one used to kill tree roots in sewer lines. DEQ has approved this for the treatment of Starry Stonewort, along with algae blooms in our lake.

Control of this new invasive will be monitored closely due to the rapid growth cycle of this algae and the potential of massive die offs if the water temp gets too high in summer. We are going to try to have a sample of this invasive at the annual meeting so that more people can recognize it and help us control it by reporting any sightings. Primary treatment times will be in the spring and fall, due to the fact that once it grows into the thick mats, it cannot be treated effectively until it dies back in the fall, or in spring before it grows too thick. -Doug Bamfield

## Celebration of Long Lake Corporate Sponsors

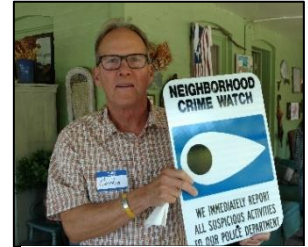


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## Long Lake Community Crime Watch

In the next few weeks, you will start seeing Neighborhood Crime Watch signs posted at all major access roads to Long Lake neighborhoods. Our goal is create a warning to criminals that we are a connected community, we watch out for our neighbors, and we report all suspicious activity. The national crime watch program is designed to prevent crime and promote cooperation among neighbors and local police. The Neighborhood Crime Watch program does not advocate members taking action when observing suspicious activity. Members serve only as extra eyes and ears for local law enforcement.



*Thank you Curtis*

The Long Lake community has always been known for our safe and crime free neighborhoods. The most common complaints received by law enforcement by lakefront communities in the area involve theft or break in's, most of which happen in the off season, when the activity around the lakes are minimal. With approximately 50% of Long Lake residents now being year round, we thought it was an important first step to establish ourselves as a Neighborhood Crime Watch Community.

If you are interested in more information on protecting your neighborhood or creating a year round neighborhood watch, please reach out to us. The Barry County Sherriff's Department is willing to provide information and assistance regarding community safety and crime watch neighborhoods. The sheriff can also provide training on recognizing and reporting suspicious activity and on home and neighborhood security. A communication network can be organized to pass along information about crime and security to residents. These networks will also help protect neighborhoods in the event of severe weather or active threats in the area. If you would like more information, go to [www.nnw.org](http://www.nnw.org) or contact Curtis at 269.908.9251 or via email: [wca.aldridge@gmail.com](mailto:wca.aldridge@gmail.com)

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