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THE NEWSLETTER OF LONG LAKE CLOVERDALE ASSOCIATION

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Presidents Corner



David Jackson

Welcome to summer 2022 and what an amazing summer it is going to be! So far, we have an incredible line up of five different bands performing live music on the Long Lake shores. We have one lake front movie night. Check the Long Lake website for time & place. The Memorial Kick Off Block Party this year is being hosted by the many fine residents of Hurt Drive. Sunday May 29th – 1-3 pm, rain or shine. Expect plenty of sunshine, food, games, and comradery with your Long Lake friends & neighbors. LLCA wear will be sold at this year's block party. You will also have an opportunity to renew your LLCA membership and donate to Celebration of Long Lake 2022 Fireworks show and update your Long Lake member address and phone number. If you are new to the Long Lake community, we look forward to meeting you and getting you connected to all things Long Lake.

Celebration of Long Lake is scheduled for July 9th. Our annual membership meeting will be at 9:00 am Saturday morning with LLCA wear available for you to purchase before and after the meeting. The poker run will be from 1-4 pm, a concert by Pleasure Town at 7:30 – 9:30 pm and fireworks at dusk. Have you noticed the big uptick in gas prices and food prices? Firework prices were not spared this year.....they are also more expensive. We are a small community, but a very generous community. If we want to continue to have our amazing Long Lake fireworks, we need your support. Coming soon to your mailbox will be your LLCA annual renewal and fireworks donation envelope. Please continue your generosity as we try to provide another great show. If you own a business or service we can promote, please consider a business sponsorship supporting Celebration of Long Lake. Contact Dave Jackson if interested.

So yes, we have many fun social events, but your LLCA board continues to work on lake improvement projects also. With an amazing effort by our Water Quality Team, Long Lake now has one of the most high-tech water filtration systems in the state protecting Long Lake waters from all potential invasives coming in downstream from Chain-O-Lakes and

Cloudy Water?

Kathy David, State of Michigan Nonpoint Source unit

What is Nonpoint Source, you ask?

Nonpoint Source (NPS) pollution is caused when rain, snowmelt, or wind carry pollutants and nutrients off the land and into lakes, streams or wetlands. In a lake community soap from car washing, fertilizers from our lawns, and oils and gasoline from our boats, mowers, and cars can enter the lake and cause cloudiness of the water, invasive plants to grow, and muck to accumulate on the lakebed. This makes the lake look dark and dirty.

Want clean, clearer water to swim in and beaches free of muck and weeds? It starts with small steps you and your neighbors can take on your lake property. Start by getting the lake "picked up". Keep your shoreline and public areas free of windblown plastic bags, bottles, and trash. Maintain your watercraft away from the shoreline so gas and oils don't end up in the water. Wash your cars and boats on the lawn away from the lake so soapy water soaks into the ground.

The purpose of my workgroup, NPS, is to help the public improve their lakes and streams water quality. We have a variety of publications to help you find small steps you and your neighbors can take to make a start towards improved water quality. Three terrific ones listed below describe the problem, steps you can take to start cleaning up the lake, and how you can design your landscape and lawn to help keep pollutants out of the lake.

- [Brown Water, Green Weeds - Familiar Signs of Nonpoint Source Pollution](#)
- [Practical Tips for Home and Yard to Improve Water Quality](#)
- [Landscaping for Water Quality - Garden Designs for Homeowners](#)

Once you've taken some steps on your property to help improve water quality, you can begin to enjoy your lake like the folks in this final publication recommendation: [Shoreline Living magazine](#).

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the Watson drain. You can see the airburst filter system in action which cleans the filter when flow becomes restricted: <https://www.facebook.com/jeremy.daum/videos/3150585761920997>

Drain improvements are completed on the north end with a new bridge, bigger outlet culvert, and projections are by summers end, we will have our legal lake level structure installed providing predictable seasonal lake levels for setting your docks and boat lifts. Also, working with the DNR through Yankee Springs, there are several improvements coming to the Long Lake boat launch including signage that limits excessive over parking, clarity for hours of operation, and removal of brush overgrowth on the lakeshore of the ramp area. Other projects on the docket are a Loon nesting platform, an Osprey nesting platform and acquiring a six-acre parcel formerly known as the pike rearing marsh on the north end of Long Lake.

Please join / renew your Long Lake Cloverdale Association membership for \$25.00 / year. When you support your lake association – we support you and work for the best Long Lake possible. <https://www.long-lake.org/>

If you have ideas for improving our lake community, please don't hesitate to reach out. We are very proud of the friendly and welcoming community we have created on Long Lake, but if we can do better let us know how! I'm wishing you another wonderful summer on the shores of Long Lake with your family and lake friends. Please be safe, be respectful, be a member of your Long Lake Cloverdale Association and make some memories that make you smile long after the sunburn fades away!

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Cloudy Water? continued...

Another way you can help your lake is by getting to know and work with your local watershed group. Many volunteer activities are available that you may get involved with or, simply look over their website for ways to improve your property. If you have additional questions, please contact the Nonpoint Source staff assigned to your *Water Quality Committee*.

New to Long Lake?

We are wishing you a warm welcome from all your friends & neighbors at Long Lake! To keep up with what is happening on Long Lake, please join our Members / Residents Facebook page at [Long Lake Members Only FB](#)

Also visit our member update link to be added to our email list: www.long-lake.org/member-update.html
We look forward to meeting you! If you have questions or concerns, please email us at lca.communicationsteam@gmail.com

Get Involved in your Lake Community:

Ready to be more active in your lake Community? Long Lake Cloverdale Association is represented by 16 board members from different areas of Long Lake. We occasionally have board members retire and those vacant seats are open for any individuals who is a member of LLCA to run for those board seats. Board members are elected by the LLCA membership at the annual meeting. If you are interested in learning more, please contact a board member in your area or contact Dave Jackson.



Pop Up Apparel Store



Evening Yoga

Weed Treatment 2022

It looks like we may finally moving into warmer weather, and with that comes warmer water and the beginning of our invasive weed treatments for this year.

We should be doing the spring survey sometime in the next two weeks or so followed by the first application around the last week of May or first week of June depending on the water temperature of the lake. This one will be primarily for Milfoil and various pondweeds. We will not be doing any treatment that would restrict the use of the lake during Memorial weekend. Approximately two to three weeks after the first treatment we will be treating for Cabomba and Starry Stonewart. Follow up treatment will be done if needed.

We will be pulling samples of a new invasive in the far north end which we have not been able to positively identify and sending them out to be identified and get a recommended treatment for it. That area will be treated as soon as possible after that.

All treatments will have yellow sheets posted in the areas treated listing the products used and any restrictions as to swimming and watering. Generally, what is used in our lake will have a 24 hour ban on swimming and a 3 to 5 day ban on using lake water for irrigation. We will send out an email notice on treatment dates and weather backup dates so please keep us updated on your email addresses. An insert in this mailing lists the expected products that may be used this year.

Doug Bamfield, Vice President, Invasive Weed Management Program Coordinator

Renew your LLCA Membership

Please renew your annual membership today! Membership dues are only \$25.00 and help support the many activities on Long Lake throughout the summer in addition to being vital to fund lake improvements. To join your Long Lake Cloverdale Association or renew your membership go to: www.long-lake.org, click the donate button. Last year nearly 70% of Long Lake residents were members of LLCA.

Please join your friends & neighbors in supporting your lake community. *Thank you!*

2021 Watercraft Census

In the summer of 2007, my wife and three granddaughters took a cruise around the lake and counted the watercraft. And in 2017 we five did the same thing. Last summer with a couple of different grands we once again took a cruise and counted what we saw. A very interesting result is listed below:

Type of watercraft	2007	2017	2021
Sail boats	7	1	3
Jet Skis	47	23	54
Paddle Boards	0	24	21
Canoes	19	25	31
Speed Boats	61	57	44
Paddle Boats	61	57	59
Fishing Boats	67	81	69
Kayaks	14	86	138
Pontoon Boats	91	123	136
TOTAL	369	465	550

In the past 15 years the number of non-motorized watercraft has increased by 250% from 101 to 252.

In the past 15 years the number of motorized watercrafts has increased by 14% from 266 to 303.

In the last 15 years the total number of watercrafts has increased by 150% from 369 to 550.

In the past 15 years the number of speedboats has decreased by 28% from 61 to 44.

In the past 15 years the number of pontoon boats has increased by 49% from 91 to 136.

And finally, it appears that many of the newer pontoon boats may be replacing speed boats. They are powered by much higher horsepower motors resulting in faster speeds.

Ken Chandler, Secretary



Mark Your 2022 Calendars

Visit www.long-lake.org for all details

- Memorial Day Weekend Block Party – Sunday May 29th, 1-3pm
 - Hurt Drive – LongView Point
 - Boat and car parking available, kids activities, water and snacks provided
 - Transportation provided from parking spot is needed
- Long Lake Apparel sale dates are:
 - Sunday, May 29th, 1pm-3pm, 5075 Hurt Drive
 - Saturday July 9th, 9am, Camp Michawana Chapel
- Light Up the Lake, July 3rd – July 9th
 - Decorate your lake front yards with lights, no voting this year
- Summer Yoga
 - Tuesday AM – 8:30 am, June 28th for 5 weeks, \$35 pre register with Mary Gerard
 - Thursday PM – 6pm, June 30th for 5 weeks, \$35 pre register with Cynthia Schmitz
- Summer Concert Series
 - Sunday May 29th – Warnke’s
 - Sunday July 3rd – Warnke’s
 - Saturday July 8th – Outdoor Movie Night – Jaws at Belt’s
 - Saturday July 9th – Jackson’s
 - Saturday August 6th - Kori Zimmerman’s and Dave Nickel’s
 - September 3rd – Jackson’s
- Celebration of Long Lake – Saturday July 9th
- Gal Pal Hook Up – Themed Boat Float, Tentative July 28th
- Taste of Long Lake – September 4th, 1-3pm, Hosts needed for this years event!



Poker Run



Taste of Long Lake



Social Team



Gal Pal Hookup



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