

# SHORELINES

## THE NEWSLETTER OF LONG LAKE CLOVERDALE ASSOCIATION

November 2017

### Presidents Corner



*David Jackson*

It seems like only yesterday the ice was finely gone and warm temperatures greeted enthusiastic Long Lake residents as spring & summer 2017 posted its “coming soon” signs. Very fast forward..... here we go again - standing witness to the aura of colorful leaves, the howling wind & rain and the local weather channels forecasting frost and the first snow fall (collective lake groan). Honestly, I’m reluctant to utter a complaint or a bad word about the approach of the fall – winter season. We had an exceptional summer and beautiful weather that managed perfect timing for most of the weekends. Our three association events (Summer Kick-Off, Celebration of Long Lake, Taste of Long Lake) all were blessed with exceptional weather and our fall weather in September & October was amazing. We had many stretches of 70-80 degrees temps and the magnificent stretch in late September flirting with the 90’s. I feel like we stole a few extra months of summer, and the vast number of pontoons still cruising the lake in late October was a testament to that beautiful weather, so no complaints here. I’m not at all excited about a date with my snow shovel, but reflecting on summer 2017, it was a winner and I’m requesting a duplicate for next year. Now, for you real die hards who still refuse to consider pulling the docks & pontoons, it is Michigan, and November can be both awesome & awful.... continue at your own risk but, pick me up if it hits 70 again ☺

What a year for the Long Lake Cloverdale Association! I want to thank each and every one of you for your continued support and promotion of your lake association. We surpassed the 125 member mark for the first time in the history of the association. Just to toot our horn a bit, voluntary organizations typically have membership rates between 15% - 25% on a

### Mark Your Calendars

**Winter Ice Breaker** - TBA – March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 –  
Projected date - 6pm – 10 pm

**Summer Kick Off** - Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – 10am –  
Noon

**Long Lake Yard Sales** - Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Celebration of Long Lake** - July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – Annual  
Meeting of Membership – 9am

**Taste of Long Lake** - September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 – Taste Host  
Wanted!

**Join Long Lake Cloverdale Association** - 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**

**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.

**Advertise with Us** – If you would like to advertise a  
personal service, please send the details via email.  
We are looking for babysitting services, dog sitting  
services, house sitters, boat and dock removal/setup  
services and computer tech support.



Long Lake Residents providing dock removal service.

### Presidents Corner continued...

national basis. Long Lake Cloverdale Association is now at 62% and growing. Our short-term goal for LLCA is 150 with a 75% voluntary participation rate. If you are new to Long Lake or not yet a member of your lake association, I would love to meet you and welcome you to the association. I hope you will consider joining your many friends & neighbors in supporting your lake community. It's painless, its \$25.00 / year, and it connects you to all things Long Lake. Please let us know if we can do anything to enhance your time on the beautiful shores of Long Lake.

As the weather turns colder and the water gets harder, rest assured your LLCA board is already busy planning 2018. The lighting project at the boat launch is nearing completion; we are planning the Ice breaker event for March of 2018, looking at new designs for your LLCA wear 2018 and many more community activities. We always welcome your suggestions and value your participation. Summer 2017 has been another great year of sunshine, campfires, friends & family, cold beverages, and big fish stories. Stay warm - we will miss seeing all our Long Lake friends during lake hibernation season, and hope to welcome many new friends in 2018.

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### 2017 Water Craft Census

In 2007 my wife and I took care of three of our granddaughters while their baby sister was born. Well it's 10 years later and the circumstances are similar! On July 22<sup>nd</sup>, the same three sisters were with us while their 9-year-old sister was at the hospital for a surgical procedure that will greatly improve her lifestyle. So, we decided to repeat the watercraft survey and see if there were any major changes in the last 10 years. We loaded up the pontoon boat and circumnavigated the lake. We made a short stop at the sandbar before finishing our route. I hesitated to proceed all the way to the outlet, but drove there later to finish the count. We counted everything we could see, and the results were very interesting.

Listed are the counts from 2007 and 2017

	2007	2017
Sail Boats	7	1
Jet Skis	47	23
Paddle Boards	0	24
Canoes	19	25
Speed Boats	61	57
Paddle Boats	61	57
Fishing Boats	67	81
Kayaks	14	86
Pontoon Boats	91	123
Totals	369	465

It looks like some speedboats have been replaced with pontoon boats, kayaks have become the desired non-motorized pleasure craft, jet skis are less desirable and paddle boards are the "new thing"!

### Call for Calendar Pictures

The Long Lake Calendar has been produced for over ten years and it all depends on the pictures submitted by you, the Lake Community. I would like to try something different this

year. I would like to create a Pets of Long Lake Calendar. If you have a picture of your pet that you think would be a good calendar candidate, please send it to me. I would prefer the picture to include the lake and/or boat and we need some pictures from all

four seasons and no people. Please include your pet's name and a short description of the circumstance that prompted the picture. I suspect I will receive many dogs, maybe a few cats and who knows what else! Send your pictures and information to me, Ken Chandler, at: [kschandler@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kschandler@sbcglobal.net)



## Good Weeds/Bad Weeds

I get a lot of questions every year from some of our lake property owners about why there are weeds in front of their properties and they wonder why these weeds have not been treated by our program. Well, the short answer is our treatment license limits what and where we may manage weed growth in our lake. Primarily we are allowed to treat non-native (invasive) weeds and a limited number of native nuisance weeds, like Northern Milfoil and limited treatment of lily pads around dock areas.

The long answer is a bit more complicated. We are a soft bottom lake (Muck) along with approximately 85 to 90 % of all inland lakes in Michigan. This means that almost all our entire lake bottom from 25 feet and up is covered with vegetation of some kind. Some are good and some are bad. I will try to break that down for you.

**Good weeds:** For a healthy lake we need a healthy weed population. This provides cover and breeding areas, along with that all important oxygen for our fish population. Weeds are also important for those other members of our lake population such as frogs, turtles, amphibians, etc. Some of our more common good weeds are various pond weeds, reeds, cattails, and various types of lily pads. Yes I know we treat lily pads in certain areas, but overall they are good in many areas of the lake, providing cover for many of our fish population. The most populous good weed in our lake is not a weed at all, but a form of algae called Chara. While this looks like a weed, it is actually a member of the algae family and covers most of the shallow water bottom area in our lake. This vegetation filters nutrients out of the water which helps keep the water much clearer than it would be otherwise. As much as we would all like that nice sandy bottom, we just do not have that type of lake.

**Bad Weeds:** We started our association in 2006 primarily to combat a growing problem with two invasive weeds, Eurasian Milfoil and Illinois Pondweed. We have been relatively successful in managing these two although we had a bit of a flare up this summer due to the low water levels. We will probably do a sonar treatment in 2019 to get these two back down, based on DEQ required water testing to be

**Good Weeds/Bad Weeds cont....** completed next year. We have two newer problem invasives which are getting the bulk of our attention now. One, Cabomba, first showed up in 2009 and has been slowly spreading through the lake, mostly in the north end. This one is a hard one to control due to the fact that there is no treatment that kills it, only one that burns it back for a couple of months. We also have the problem of its ability to spread. When it is pulled up with anchors or by boat action, it floats around the lake and wherever it comes back down to bottom it takes root. We also now have it coming in through the drain tube from Cloverdale Lake so we will have to begin treatment of it in the south end next year. Our second new invasive showed up last year, called Starry Stonewort. This is also an algae plant like Chara, but spreads rapidly choking out areas quite fast. We have only found it in two small areas and have been treating those areas with copper sulfate at levels recommended by DEQ and watching very closely for signs of it anywhere else in the lake. We are also treating two native nuisance weeds in areas where they are thicker than normal.

Hopefully, this information on our weed management program has been helpful. As always, if anyone has question or needs information on our program please feel free to contact me at [dbamfield@yahoo.com](mailto:dbamfield@yahoo.com) , our website page, or our facebook page

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