

# Spring/ Summer 2016 Newsletter

# Long Lake Link

*Long Lake Property Owners Association*

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## UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

June 8	First Turtle Races of the season! (1:00-3:30pm)	Downtown
June 18	Arts/Crafts/Music Outdoor Show (10am-2pm); Sandwich Day/Pie Social (11am-noon); Community Garage Sale	Downtown
June 15-Aug. 17	Turtle Races every Wednesday (1:00-3:30pm)	Downtown
June 25	Turtle Town Art Fair (9am-4pm); Pie Sale (9-10am); Book & Bake Sale (9am-2pm); Classic Car Show (9am-2pm); Public Bingo (7-8pm)	Salem Lutheran Church
July 4	Free inflatable games for kids (9:30am); Food Court opens (10am); 4th of July parade (11am); Fireworks over Girl Lake (dusk)	Library
July 8-9	Hackensack Hot Jazz Festival (7:30-9:30pm)	Downtown
July 16	Summerfest Family Fun Day/Community Garage Sale (10am-2pm)	Young at Heart Senior Club
June 16-18	Moondance Jammin' Country Fest	Downtown
July 20-23	Moondance Jam	Hackensack
August 7	"Planes, Trains & Automobiles" Pancake Breakfast (8am-noon)	Longville Municipal Airport
August 13	Northwoods Art & Book Festival (9am-3pm)	Hwy. 200, Walker, MN
August 24	Last Turtle Races of the season...bummer! (1:00-3:30pm)	Hwy. 200, Walker, MN
Sept. 3-4	"Arts off 84" Art Crawl	Downtown
	Lions serve lunch @ the Docksider (11am-noon)	Hwy. 84 from Pine River to Longville
October 1	Moondance Harvest Moon Beer & Wine Tasting Festival	Downtown
		Hwy. 200, Walker, MN

## LLPOA MISSION

The purpose of this Association shall be to maintain and improve lake water quality and lake bed health, maintain and continue fish propagation and protect wildlife and its habitat.

It shall also provide education about many issues affecting lake property owners and users through the dissemination of information to Long Lake property owners and their families.

**Greetings from Your President!**

Things have been relatively quiet on the lake since last fall. The winter of 2015-16 was kind of a "dud" for many people who enjoy skiing, snowmobiling, ATVirg and such - hard to do without snow. If you are into a little family boot hockey, that worked out well this winter. The ice on the west side of the lake froze pretty smooth, while the ice on the east side was more like a washboard; go figure. Our snowmobiles were gassed up and ready to go last December, but they never moved all winter. WHAAAAT? Yup, for the second year in a row, the snow was anything but great. In fairness, I heard that some folks liked this past winter a lot because of the lack of snow. There ya go - there is something here for everyone.

So, what have we been up to since last fall? As I reported last year, we applied for and received a DNR grant to assist us in paying for the new signs on the boat launch road, some educational materials on AIS, and "Clean, Drain and Dry" signs for the private boat launches at Camp O' My Dreams and Deer Trail Resort. We appreciate the grant of \$861.95 we received for completion of this project; unfortunately, all grants for AIS educational projects were put on hold by the DNR for 2016, so we are on our own this year. In February, I attended the Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates annual meeting in Minneapolis on behalf of the Association to better understand what is being done to combat AIS issues statewide. It was an opportunity to exchange ideas with legislators, world-renowned AIS researchers, lobbyists and other lake associations, which was enlightening. The bottom line conclusions drawn from this meeting were 1) Education is the most practical method to control the spread of AIS; and 2) Once you have AIS in the lake, there is no known "cure."

***Prevention is the only practical solution!***

Fast forward to Memorial Day weekend when the lake was buzzing with boat traffic, spurred on by a couple of spectacular days of sun and blue skies. People were tubing, water skiing and even swimming; while others were putting in docks, launching their boats and fishing. If I didn't know better, I would say summer has arrived. The buoys are out marking your safe navigation channels for boating. Remember, "Red and Green – Stay Between." The white buoys mark known areas where rocks are close to the water's surface. "If you go there, carry a spare" ... prop that is. Our sincere thanks to each of our property owners who help place and retrieve these buoys every year. One quick reminder - The Narrows is a "Slow No Wake" zone where many families come to play, swim and enjoy the sandy shoreline. Let's work together to keep it safe for everyone's use and enjoyment.

The Board held our first meeting in May where we discussed our focus for 2016, as dictated by the survey we handed out to the membership at the Annual Meeting last August. In order of priority, you asked us to: 1) Help focus property owners even more on AIS prevention and what each of us can do to help prevent it; 2) Monitor and maintain high water quality in the lake; 3) Continue to support the buoy program on the lake; 4) Work with the DNR on stocking fish in Long lake, and 5) Promote boating and water safety. We will do our best to make progress on each of these initiatives throughout 2016.

If you have specific subjects you would like the LLPOA Board to discuss at our upcoming meetings, please feel free to e-mail me at [wayne@msiresults.com](mailto:wayne@msiresults.com). The Board is here to represent your interests; we thank you for your continued support. Have a great, and safe, summer!

At last year's Annual Meeting, some members expressed interest in finding a recipe using northern pike. After some online research, I found this recipe for fish chowder that sounded pretty good. Maybe some of you might like to give it a try.

***Ingredients:***

- 8 slices thick cut bacon
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 stalk celery, chopped
- 1/4 cup flour
- 2 medium potatoes, peeled & diced large
- 1/2 cup white wine
- 2 cups fish or chicken stock
- 2 cups milk
- 1/2 green pepper, chopped
- 1 cup frozen corn
- 1 bay leaf
- Salt & pepper
- 2 lbs. deboned northern pike (or other firm whitefish), diced large, same size as potatoes

***Directions:***

In a large saucepan, saute bacon until crisp; remove, drain & crumble; set aside. Remove all but one tablespoon of bacon fat from pan & add celery & onion & saute until tender; sprinkle with flour stirring constantly; cook for 3 minutes. Add potatoes, stock, wine & bay leaf; simmer until potatoes are barely soft. Add all remaining ingredients; cook until the fish is just tender (do not overcook). Sprinkle crumbled bacon over the top & serve.



### Ranger Rick's 2016 Spring/Summer Fish Report

We are deviating from our usual fishing report on the lake to share with you the DNR Fish Survey that was done on Long Lake between August 10-13, 2015. This survey was last done in 2010, so if you are like me, you are anxious to see how each of our primary fish species have done over the last five years and how we compare to other lakes.

The primary measurements taken by the DNR on all fish species include the following:

**CPUE (Catch Per Unit Effort)** which means the total number or weight of fish caught in the nets divided by the number of nets set. For example: if five largemouth bass are caught in five gill nets, the CPUE would be 1fish/net.

**PSD (Proportional Stock Density)** which translates into the proportion of adult fish caught during the netting efforts that are considered to be of quality size to anglers.

**PSD-P (Proportional Stock Density – Preferred Length Fish)** which is the proportion of adult fish caught during the netting effort that are considered by anglers to be the preferred length for the species.

**Measuring against Quartiles** - The other key measurement the DNR reviews is the comparison of these values against other Minnesota Class 25 lakes. Class 25 lakes are deep water lakes with rocky and sandy bottoms and very little algae due to the low levels of phosphorus and nitrogen. In this study, our results are measured and classified against 25%, 50% and 75" quartiles for Class 25 lakes. As an example, for northern pike, the 25% quartile for Class 25 lakes in Minnesota is 3.13 fish caught per netting, meaning that one quarter of the Class 25 lakes have 3.13 or fewer northern pike caught per netting.

**Here are the results of the recent survey:**

Quartiles for # of fish/per net for Class 25 Lakes							
FISH SPECIES	2010 CPUE	2015 CPUE	25%	50%	75%	PSD	PSD-P
Black Crappie	0.25	2.33	0.50	1.17	2.67	65%	<15%
Bluegill	26.08	12.27	N/A	N/A	N/A	>40%	<10%
Largemouth Bass	0.92	2.83	0.25	0.45	1.18	80%	<20%
Northern Pike	11.58	7.58	3.13	5.25	8.50	<25%	<10%
Walleye	0.58	0.67	1.25	3.00	5.50	N/A	N/A
Yellow Perch	2.83	0.50	2.50	9.00	24.17	N/A	N/A

If you are like me, after viewing this chart, you are still not quite sure what it all means in terms we can understand. Most of us want to know how many fish were sampled, what the average and maximum length was for each species, and what the trend for each species is relative to past years. So here's the scoop:

**Black Crappie** – There were a total of twelve gill nets set during the sampling period between August 10-13, 2015, in which 28 black crappies were caught. Assuming the same number of nets were set in 2010, the rate of catch that was reported in 2010 was 0.25 fish/netting, meaning that only three black crappies were caught during the survey. During the 2015 survey, the average length of a black crappie caught was 7.91 inches and the longest length was 10.98 inches.

*Summary: We have definitely seen a positive trend on the number of black crappies in the lake and we would all like to see that trend continue. One way to assist with this trend is to "catch and release" any crappie over 8 inches. Spawning females lay 30,000 eggs per pound of body weight, so the larger females are the ones to preserve if we want to stimulate the population. While 30,000 eggs may sound like a lot of fish, remember, crappies also eat their young so the number that make it to adulthood are far fewer. Crappies are fast growers at a rate of 1/4 to 1/2 pound per year, so in two to three years, we will have an awesome black crappie fishing lake if we work together to preserve the larger fish.*

**Bluegill** – During the 2015 survey, there were twenty-four bluegills caught in the twelve gill nets, or two fish per netting. In 2010, the number of bluegills caught was more than double this number. In fact, 2015 was the lowest number of bluegills caught in surveys taken since 1993 when the lake experienced its all-time low catch. The average length of bluegills caught in the 2015 survey was 5.51 inches and the longest was 7.91 inches in length. *Summary: The pressure on bluegills has caused a severe drop-off that is concerning. The largest pressure comes from predators such as largemouth bass and northern pike, both of which are doing well in the lake. Bluegills normally live up to ten years if not caught or eaten by larger fish. An eight inch bluegill would be approximately eight years old. They can spawn when they're about three inches long and one year of age. A quarter pound female will lay approximately 12,000 eggs, while larger females can lay as many as 60,000 eggs. Once again, practicing catch and release on the larger females can help stimulate the population of bluegills in the lake, which not only improves future catch results, but also provides more food for the bass and pike population so they will continue to grow.*

### Ranger Rick's 2016 Spring/Summer Fish Report (continued from page 3)

**Largemouth Bass** – There were 34 largemouth bass caught in the twelve gill nettings done last summer on the lake; that was a 66% improvement over the last survey done in 2010. The average length of largemouth bass caught was 11.45 inches, with a maximum length of 16.77 inches. *Summary: The number of largemouth bass caught during the survey was the largest number since surveying began on the lake in 1950. The average length of largemouth bass caught was also greater than any survey in the last twelve years. This suggests the food supply improved over past years, stimulating both the population and the average size of fish. Interestingly, bluegill, a favorite food for bass, have experienced sharp declines in population over the last five years as noted above. If the food supply does not increase, the largemouth bass population will inevitably be impacted. This is a further reason to practice more catch and release on larger black crappie, bluegills, hybrid sunfish and pumpkinseeds in order to increase the food supply for largemouth bass and northern pike.*

**Northern Pike** – During the 2015 survey, there were 91 northern pike caught in a total of twelve gill nets set, with an average of 7.58 fish per net. In the 2010 survey, there were 11.58 fish per net with many of those being smaller hammer handle-size fish. With the reduced population of northern pike in 2015, we did see the average length of the fish improve, with the average being 16.95 inches in length and the longest being 34.96 inches long. *Summary: After the 2010 survey, the DNR reported that the higher number of smaller northern pike would put a lot of pressure on other species in the lake and limit the growth rate of existing fish. The DNR suggested that we encourage anglers to stop releasing the small northern pike back into the water in order to reduce their numbers so that the remaining, larger northern pike could find sufficient food to grow. Apparently, the small hammer handle-size northern pike are voracious eaters that reduce available food sources faster and ultimately reduce the growth rate of the remaining larger fish. The 2015 survey indicates that our efforts are working as the average number of northern pike per netting was reduced by 35%, while the average size increased. The DNR suggests that we continue to remove hammer handle-size northerns from the lake when caught to increase food supplies for the other fish.*

**Walleye** – There were a total of eight walleye caught in the gill nets in 2015. After planting over 1.5 million fry in Long Lake over the last five years, the DNR was hopeful they would see a nice increase in fish caught during the survey. There was an average of 0.67 fish/net vs. 0.58/net in 2010. The average length of walleye caught was 20.41 inches in 2015 with the longest being 22.01 inches. *Summary: There has been virtually no increase in walleye caught in five years. The DNR has advised that they are not interested in continuing the planting of walleye in Long Lake due to the poor results.*

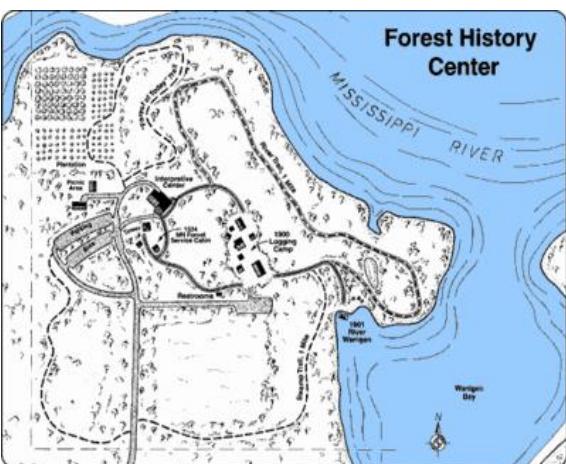
**Yellow Perch** – There were a total of six yellow perch caught in twelve gill net sets. Yellow perch were planted in Long Lake in 2001, 2002 and 2010. There was an average of 0.58 fish in the nets in 2015 vs. 2.83 fish per net in 2010. That is an 80% decrease in perch in since 2010. The average length of the yellow perch caught was 5.92 inches with the longest being 6.26 inches. *Summary: Perch are a main source of food for largemouth bass, northern pike and walleye, but there are very few in the lake. The DNR has reported that yellow perch do not appear to be propagating naturally in the lake, so there is little reason to stock them in the future.*

Please feel free to contact me at [wayne@msiresults.com](mailto:wayne@msiresults.com) with any comments, thoughts or questions on this report.

**Rainy day...or just need a break from fishing and swimming?** Just 44 miles away - a scenic 50 minute drive - is a great family attraction, the Forest History Center in Grand Rapids. The Forest History Center is one of the Minnesota Historical Society's

26 locations, and it has enough activities to keep everyone busy for hours. The Visitor Center has a 30 seat multimedia theater, many interactive activities, a kids' area, many informative exhibits about Minnesota's importance in the logging industry, plus a gift shop. You can take a 60 minute guided tour of a recreated logging camp and meet the blacksmith, the cook and even lumberjacks. And if you're not afraid of heights, you can climb the 100 foot fire tower and learn about how rangers spotted fires and communicated their location.

The Forest History Center is open June 11th through Labor Day, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, including July 4th and Labor Day. Check out their website at [www.foresthISTORY@mnhs.org](http://www.foresthISTORY@mnhs.org), or call 218-327-4482, for admission prices and additional information.



### Bruno, Longville's "Dog About Town"

While painted turtles may be the first thing that comes to mind when you mention Longville, "The Turtle Racing Capitol of the World," Bruno, the Town Dog should be a close second. The furry brown Chesapeake-Lab mix, maybe even part wolf, has been a fixture of life in Longville for about 13 years now.

In all seasons of the year, Bruno makes almost daily trips into town from his home with Larry and Debbie LaVallee, 4 miles north on Highway 84, then back, loping along the shoulder or down the center line of the road. Sometimes he makes a couple of round trips a day, although he's been known to accept rides from locals who know where he lives.



Bruno

Once in Longville, he follows a route that includes stops at the back door of Tabaka's Grocery for handouts, the front door of the One Stop for more treats, and in the summer, Frosty's Ice Cream Parlor! From the post office to the library and practically every business, Bruno roams the downtown area, stopping now and then to rest in a doorway, bask in the sun or accept a few pats on the head. He's also been known to plop down in the middle of the road where Highway 84 and County 5 meet, forcing traffic to stop or drive around him.

Bruno began his wandering ways when he was young, following the garbage truck Larry drove into town. As a pup, Bruno had been dumped off in a box near the LaVallee's driveway, and somebody brought him to their door, thinking he was theirs. The LaVallees, who'd recently lost their own dog, took him in, and he and Larry soon became buddies.

"Every year when people return to Longville, one of the first things they ask is, 'Did Bruno make it through the winter?'" one Longville resident related. "He's an important part of the town; a goodwill ambassador." In 2014, the resident (who wants to remain anonymous) began thinking about having a statue of Bruno created. Bronze turned out to be too expensive. However, a wood sculpture was feasible, and affordable. The resident had seen works by sculptor Paul Albright at his studio on Highway 34 near Akeley and approached him about the project. Albright accepted and visited Bruno that summer to take some photos.

Meanwhile, word spread throughout Longville. Donation jars were placed out, and individuals and organizations started donating money and sharing stories about Bruno. One donor told how she'd gone into town on a bitterly cold winter day to return a library book for a friend. In front of the library was Bruno, lying in the cold and snow. Loading him into her car, she drove back to her friend's house and announced, "I've saved this dog from the cold." The friend took a look at the furry passenger and responded, "That's Bruno! Take him back into town — this is what he does!"

The fundraising response was wonderful. From kids to adults, dimes to dollars, the money came in - enough to cover the cost of the sculpture. Paul Albright has been sculpting for 30 years, mostly commissioned works. With this piece, he said his goal was to represent Bruno's general attitude and personality through posture, wood choice and positioning. He described Bruno as a "laid back, independent, friendly dog" who takes pride in his community, which reflects on any number of small towns in the area - and, of course, how he was raised by Larry.

The sculpture of Bruno shows him lying down, with head turned and ears back, Yoda-like, friendly and alert. The black walnut wood, with an oil finish applied, closely resembles the color of Bruno's coat. It was completed in mid-April 2015. The sculpture was then pedestalled on a simulated boulder that has areas projecting out to allow for photo-ops by visitors. "I have always had a dog in my life and have met many dogs," Albright added, "but this one stands out for many reasons. Once you meet him, you will know what I mean. And your reasons may be different than mine."

The sculpture of Bruno was installed a year ago in a garden area between Guidepoint Pharmacy and the Longville Post Office on Main Street. A granite plaque lists those who donated \$100 or more. Local artist Tom Kutschied gave his own "boost" to the fundraising effort, offering to paint a 9-by-12 inch portrait of the donor's pet for anyone willing to increase their donation from \$100 to \$150.

At last report, Bruno the Town Dog is still trotting around town, meeting and greeting friends, old and new alike.

*This article was reprinted with permission from the Pilot-Independent, Walker, MN (April 22, 2015).*

*(The editor has to admit that she and her husband have been among those who once thought they were "rescuing" Bruno. One of the first years we owned our cabin on Long Lake, Bruno followed our car to the cabin from town and spent a half hour sleeping by our back door. After making a few worried calls, we learned about Bruno's wandering ways...we still laugh about it now every time we see him.)*

**LONG LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES – August 8, 2015**

**Wayne opened the meeting at 9:30am** with a greeting to all the property owners in attendance and an introduction of the current officers. He also thanked the Board Members and Zone Directors for their involvement and great work over the past year.

**President:** Wayne Voigtschild  
**Vice President:** Steve Laraway  
**Secretary:** Paul Reinke  
**Treasurer/Membership:** Meg Voigtschild

**Nominations for officers for 2016:** Brief discussion and then with a Motion/Second and a vote, the following people were elected officers for 2016. We thank them for their willingness to serve in the coming year!

**President:** Wayne Voigtschild  
**Vice President:** Steve Laraway  
**Secretary:** Cindy Richardson  
**Treasurer/Membership:** Meg Voigtschild  
**Note:** Thank you to Paul Reinke for his many years serving as our secretary; we will miss his sense of humor at our Board meetings!

**Wayne led the discussion on the following items:**

**Water quality:** General improvement in the area with the Secchi disk readings of 27-28 in the lake's north and central areas. This is terrific!

**Fish stocking:** Walleye stocking in 2015 has been with fry. Since 2011, approximately 1.5 million walleye fry have been stocked in the lake.

**Membership dues increase:** Discussion about the costs involved in keeping the membership informed about issues relating to the lake (i.e. printing, postage, AIS signs, marker buoys, "no-wake" narrows signs, etc.) and the need to increase the membership dues to \$25 per year. With a Motion/Second and a vote, the new dues rate was approved by the membership.

**Secretary's & Treasurer's Reports:** Everyone was directed to the copies of the Secretary's & Treasurer's reports on the tables.

**Aquatic Invasive Species Report (AIS):**

Discussion about the actions being taken by the Association to prevent infestation. **The focus is on education – knowing what to do.**

- Permanent signs along boat landing road
- Large sign at boat landing
- AIS prevention signs at boat landings at Camp O' My Dreams and Deer Trail Resort & Campground
- Letters prepared by the DNR for resort/campground visitors
- Brochures on AIS and Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers prepared by the DNR which we plan to deliver to all property owners on Long Lake to share with family and guests
- Publishing articles in the Long Lake Link
- Pursuing grant dollars from the state to assist us with the process
- Pursuing grant dollars to provide AIS inspections at the public boat landing during fishing opener and busy holiday weekends (A matching grant was received this year and was used for AIS instructional brochure – Thank you Wayne!)

**Guest Speakers:**

Carl Pederson - Fisheries specialist from the Minnesota DNR

Lindsey Ketchel - Executive Director of the Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation

Both speakers were very informative, and freely shared their passions for creating and maintaining our high quality lake environment.

**General Discussion/New Business:**

**Zone Director listing** and distribution of zone maps of the lake:

Zone 1: Russ Peters (Thank you to Rebecca Ryan for all her years of serving as Zone 1 Director.)

Zone 2: Bob Gartland (And thank you to Bob Coulter for all his years of serving as Zone 2 Director.)

Zone 3: Barb McCuskey

Zone 4: Gary Richmond

Zone 5: Mark Mueller

Zone 6: Mark Eidenschink

Zone 7: Bob Alley

Zone 8: Duane Schock

**Members in attendance: 56**

**Adjournment:** Motion/Second and a vote to adjourn. Respectfully submitted, Paul Reinke

***Remembering Don McCuskey...***

Donald Homer McCuskey, 90, of Longville, passed away peacefully in his sleep on April 15, 2016.

Donald was born in Holyoke, MN, on October 14, 1925. He and Barbara were married on April 8, 1961; they were married 55 years.

Donald proudly served in the Third Army in World War II. He lived and raised his family in Crystal, MN, from 1961 to 2002, working as a mechanic at Georgia Pacific/St. Regis Paper for more than 42 years. Donald enjoyed fishing, hunting, fixing things, baseball and spending time with his family and friends. He was also actively involved in VFW Post 772 (Longville/Remer). Don and Barb bought their home on Long Lake in 1988, and moved there permanently in July 2002.

Donald is survived by his wife, Barbara; his three children, son Troy McCuskey and his wife Lori, son Tim McCuskey and his girlfriend Cindy, and daughter Linda Welch; brother, Harry McCuskey; sister, Anna Strand; sister-in-law, Audrey McCuskey; his grandchildren; nieces and nephews, and many other relatives and friends. Donald was preceded in death by his parents, Homer and Anna McCuskey, as well as his sister, Margret Nikstad, and brother, Albert McCuskey.

Services were held on Tuesday, April 19, 2016, at Salem Lutheran Church in Longville.

**A little Minnesota fun** - Now that winter is over, we can laugh at these comparisons...right?

***Cold Is A Relative Thing:***

65°

Arizonans turn on the heat.  
People in Minnesota plant gardens.

60°

Californians shiver uncontrollably.  
People in Minnesota sunbathe.

50°

Foreign cars won't start.  
People in Minnesota drive with the windows down.

40°

Georgians put on coats, thermal underwear, gloves & wool hats.  
People in Minnesota throw on a flannel shirt.

35°

New York landlords finally turn up the heat.  
People in Minnesota have the last cookout before the cold weather sets in.

20°

People in Miami start heading further south, like to Aruba.  
Minnesotans close the windows.

0°

Californians fly away to Mexico.  
People in Minnesota get out their winter coats.

-10°

Hollywood moves to Hawaii.  
The Girl Scouts in Minnesota are selling cookies door-to-door.

-20°

Washington D.C. runs out of hot air.  
People in Minnesota let the dogs sleep indoors.

-30°

Santa Claus abandons the North Pole.  
Minnesotans get mad when their snowmobiles won't start.

-40°

All atomic motion stops.  
People in Minnesota start saying, "Cold enough for ya?"



**RECYCLE,**

**REDUCE,**

**REUSE!**

**Thanks!**

The LLPOA Board would like to thank Duane Schock for donating the ten cedar posts used to install our AIS signs on the road to the boat launch. He not only purchased and delivered them, but he also stripped them so they would be ready to use. We really appreciate his donation of time and money!



And here is  
our  
Association  
President  
installing the  
signs last fall.

What guy  
doesn't enjoy  
working with  
a posthole  
digger and  
quick-set  
cement?!

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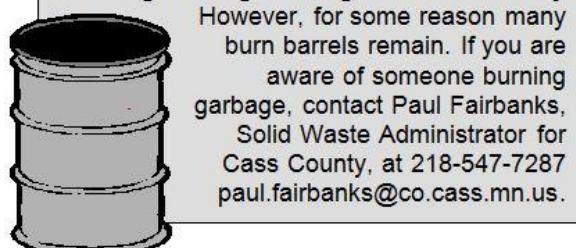
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**2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS**

Saturday, May 14th @ 10:00 am  
 Saturday, June 11th @ 10:00 am  
 Saturday, July 23rd @ 10:00 am  
Saturday, August 13th @ 9:30 am \*\*  
Saturday, September 10th? @ 10:00 am

\*\* Annual meeting begins at 9:30 am; doors open at 9:00 am

Meetings are held at Salem Lutheran Church in Longville.

**Burning Garbage is Illegal in Cass County**

However, for some reason many burn barrels remain. If you are aware of someone burning garbage, contact Paul Fairbanks, Solid Waste Administrator for Cass County, at 218-547-7287 paul.fairbanks@co.cass.mn.us.

**2016 BOAT PARADE!!**

This year, the 4th of July lands on a Monday. Many property owners will likely be spending the entire week at the lake (if you're not one of the lucky ones who live there year round). There are probably some, however, that will only get to spend the three day weekend at the lake. For that reason, we're thinking of holding the boat parade this year on Sunday, July 3rd at 4:00 pm - that way, everyone will get to enjoy participating in the parade, or just watching, even if they have to go home on Monday. Boaters should plan on meeting at the Narrows at 4:00 pm; this year the parade will start out heading NORTH.

*One cautious note regarding the parade:* Last year, a couple of people watching from shore were hit with water balloons being shot from boats with slingshots - hopefully, we can be a little more careful this year so no one gets hurt. The other worry is whether the popped balloons and plastic necklaces thrown that sink to the bottom of the lake could be a hazard to the loons if they try and eat them. We have no way of knowing for sure, but it's just something to think about.

**LLPOA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE!**

We will continue to run the "Join the LLPOA" membership campaign. We want to reach property owners that haven't joined the Association yet, or those who may not even know the LLPOA exists. We are hoping that we can enlist the help of our current LLPOA members in this campaign by asking them to talk to their neighbors and find out if they are members already or not. Share with them what we are doing to keep aquatic invasive species out of the lake, how we are managing the lake's water quality and how we are working to protect local wildlife and its habitat - and then encourage them to join. We need everyone's help!

In order to reach as many people as we can, we will continue to send out paper copies of the Link to those owners who are not on our e-mail list.

It saves the Association a lot of printing and postage costs when we send the Link by e-mail, so please consider adding yourselves to our newsletter e-mail list; plus you'll receive the added bonus of getting the Link in color! We never use your e-mail for anything other than Association news. If you would like to begin receiving the Link by e-mail, please send your e-mail address to Meg Voigtschild at meg@msiresults.com.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

The membership/dues form (*for new members or those members who need to update their information*) is included in this newsletter. Send the form, along with your 2016 annual dues of \$25.00 to LLPOA, PO Box 292, Longville, MN 56655.

Feel free to contact Meg to check on the status of your dues. Call 612-805-5995 or e-mail meg@msiresults.com.