

Summer 2020 Newsletter

Long Lake Link

*Newsletter of the
Long Lake Property Owners Association*

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UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

June 24 - August 19	Turtleless Wednesdays: Games, Dancing, Food & Fun (1-3pm)	Downtown Longville
July 4	4th of July Celebration: No traditional parade, but a patriotic costume contest, along with food & games for all ages; fireworks at dusk!	Downtown Longville
July 18	Community Garage Sale; Arts, Crafts & Music (8am-2pm)	Downtown Longville
July 23	Girls Night Out: An evening of browsing & shopping store specials (5-7pm)	Downtown Longville
August 2	Fly-In/Drive-In Pancake Breakfast (8am-noon)	Longville Airport
September 5	"NEW" Longville Arts Festival (watch for more details in Pine Cone Press-Citizen and on www.longville.com)	Downtown Longville

This list of events is looking pretty sparse this year because of COVID-19 precautions, but there are many fun area activities to check out. The hiking trails at Deep Portage Learning Center are open, check their website at www.deep-portage.org. If you have bikes, try riding all, or part, of the 120 mile long Paul Bunyan State Trail; it runs from Crow Wing State Park to Lake Bemidji State Park. Beautiful Itasca State Park is just over an hour's drive away from Longville. It offers hiking and biking trails, and bike and canoe rentals—plus there is even a Lake Itasca boat tour offered.

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 LLPOA's new President!

I'd like to thank Wayne Voigtschild for serving as President of the LLPOA for the past few years. Under his leadership, Long Lake's Aquatic Invasive Species awareness and prevention programs have had a real impact. New signage at the boat launches, weekend inspectors at the public boat launch, and door to door information distribution have all helped to protect our good clear waters. Wayne has worked hard behind the scenes coordinating fish stocking programs with the DNR, placement of buoys and hazard markers, and getting our private walleye stocking initiative off the ground. Wayne will continue on our Board as a Director-at-Large, his experience and insight is of great value. Thank you Wayne.

If you're enjoying the Long Lake Link, you can thank Meg Voigtschild, Wayne's wife. Meg serves as treasurer and newsletter editor for the LLPOA and does a phenomenal job.

My wife Sande, daughter Jessica, and I have had a cabin in the South Bay for 13 years; if you know where the Bigfoot statue is, that's our place. You've probably seen us cruising around on our pontoon with Chupa, our big German Shepherd standing guard on the back bench. Our history on Long Lake goes back over 50 years, my in-laws were the very first guests to stay at Deer Trail Resort, and our family has vacationed on Long every year since. We plan to move into our retirement home on the lake this summer and become permanent Longville residents. However, as of this writing the COVID-19 situation has our plans on a short term hold.

Long Lake is very high this season after a fall with heavy rain and a winter of deep snow. Although no official order from the sheriff's office has been issued, we should all be mindful of our boat wakes. Try to stay at least 200 feet out from shore and away from other boaters, particularly non-motorized craft. The high water has also created some new hidden hazards; we will try to mark some of those, but please be careful if boating in areas you are unfamiliar with.

The LLPOA plans to continue our AIS awareness programs. The best thing we can all do is make sure our guests on the lake bring clean and decontaminated equipment. Boats should be drained and dry, but don't overlook other items; jet skis, kayaks, PFDs and paddleboards, even fishing line and tackle can carry invasive species. Lakes as close as Girl and Townline are infested, so please be aware of what is being brought in and know where the equipment was last used. The Musky House decontaminates boats at no cost, so take it there first if it has come from a contaminated lake.

If anyone has questions or comments for the LLPOA please drop an e-mail to me or to your Zone Director. We have a great group of volunteers both on the Board and around Long Lake that help to keep our lake one of the cleanest and most desirable in the area.

Have a great summer, see you on the lake!

Russ Peters
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Ranger Rick's Fishing Report

Fishing started out good this spring with fishermen catching both black crappies and bluegills. Experienced anglers were able to catch their limit, even when releasing the larger females that were caught. They were biting on crappie minnows, worms, and artificial baits. In May, when the water temperature was still in the 50s, they were generally finding them in 13-15 feet. As the water warmed up, they've become more difficult to find and catch, but they are out there.

Bass fishing has been good this spring as always, and fishing for northern pike is once again becoming more fun as they get bigger, thanks to the abundance of feeder fish, including cisco and trout. The challenge with all spring fishing has been the wind and the high water which made it difficult to be out on the lake as much. Many of the folks I know that do a lot of fishing have not been out on the lake as much as previous years due to these conditions.

And don't forget about the rainbow trout that we now have in the lake, which are reaching lengths of 18-20 inches by now. There should be a lot of them out there since 70,000 have been stocked. Remember to fish deep for trout as they are truly a cold water fish. You will need to get your bait down to where the fish are in order to catch them, which is often in water 30-40 feet deep. But if you're lucky, hooking a 20 inch rainbow will definitely give you a thrill. (Check out the article "Tips for Catching Trout in a Lake" on page 4.)



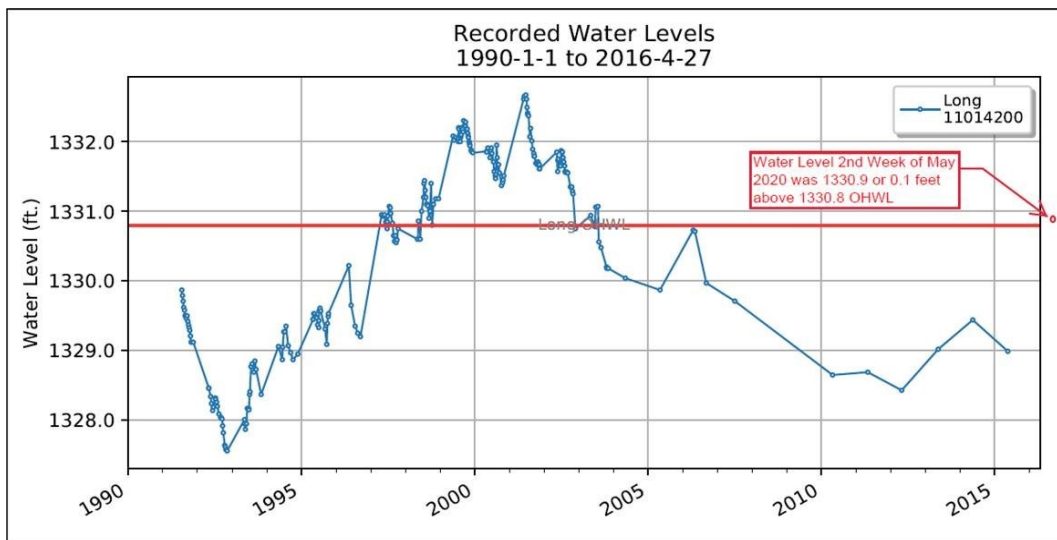
Water, Water Everywhere by Wayne Voigtschild

By now, I'm sure you've noticed that the water level is quite high on the lake this year. This can have a devastating impact on shorelines that are not protected by natural rock shoreline or riprap barrier. We purchased our property in 2000 when the water level on the lake was the highest it had been in decades. Sadly, we watched three feet of our shoreline disappear into the lake from wave action; that led us to obtain a permit to put riprap along our shoreline to stop the erosion. It turned out to be a good move because the water levels continued to rise in 2001, reaching a level that was more than a foot higher than it is today. If you are like most of us, you can't help but wonder why.

This spring, we heard from several property owners reporting high water and asking if anything could be done to reduce the water level. Remembering the high water situation we had in 2000-01, and how it dropped fairly rapidly over the next few years, we wanted to find out what was done to reduce the levels back then in hopes that we could do it again. I enlisted the help of Mike Spaude who owns property on the far north end of the lake and is knowledgeable about the wetland areas north and east of the lake. Back in 2001, we heard a rumor that heavy equipment on a logging road had compressed the soil which kept the water from seeping naturally out of the lake. We had also heard that beaver dams were contributing to the high water situation at that time which were then removed by the DNR. In checking with the DNR, there is no record of either of these actions having taken place. Recently, and ironically, Mike Spaude reported the presence of several beaver dams northeast of the lake, as well as a new logging road that was built over the winter that needed to be checked out.

I then consulted with the DNR hydrologist, Darrin Hoverson, to better understand the factors contributing to our high water. The DNR tracks water levels in all lakes and sent us the chart below showing water levels over the last twenty years. As you can see, the high water mark in 2001 was more than a foot higher than we have today, but the water level today is two feet higher than it was just ten years ago.

While this information is interesting, we really wanted to know if our high water was the result of something man-made, a result of beavers making dams that impacted natural water flow, or some other situation yet to be discovered, so that we might develop a plan to aid in lowering the water level. The hydrologist, like so many of us, was "grounded" at the time because of the pandemic and could not



personally check out the area in question. To move our investigation along, he asked if we could get some aerial photos of the area northeast of the lake to see what the water levels looked like up there. I then asked Brian Legried, a neighbor of ours on the lake, if he would be willing to fly over the area and take aerial pictures that we could show to the hydrologist to get a clearer picture of the factors contributing to our high water. Our sincere thanks to Brian who graciously volunteered his time and airplane to assist us with this process.

As you can see from these photos, there is considerable water standing in the marsh and potholes northeast of the lake. Long Lake is considered a "closed basin," meaning that water does not flow in or out of the lake through inlets and outlets, but rather seeps in and out through groundwater and natural precipitation. The sources for groundwater are the marshes and potholes on the northeast end of the lake which are at a higher elevation than Long Lake by nearly six feet. Remembering that the lake is a "closed basin," it not only loses water through ground water seepage, but also gains water through groundwater springs. The more water that backs up in the area northeast of the lake, the more hydraulic pressure there is on the aquifer feeding the lake, which would naturally force water into the lake. (Article continues on page 4)



Water, Water Everywhere (continued from page 3)

Noting our concerns about the presence of significant water in the marsh, the hydrologist enlisted the assistance of the Forest Service to investigate any beaver dams, as well as the logging road that was constructed over the winter months to see if they were impacting water flow away from the lake. After touring the area in May, they concluded that the logging access road was not causing significant water to back up in the area. They also noted the presence of several beaver dams, but were not convinced that they were seriously impeding surface water from moving toward the Boy River away from the lake. They did indicate that if water continued to rise in Long Lake, they would take another look at it.

Climate and weather changes have clearly contributed significantly to the high water situation we now find on Long Lake. Did you know that in 2019, the annual precipitation in Minnesota was greater than any time in the last 120 years? All that water, rain and snow melt, went into the lake and the surrounding marsh areas. While we may be able to accelerate water flow away from the lake in some backwater areas to reduce pressure on the aquifer, it will be a slow process involving possible beaver dam removal and/or improvements on the logging road to enhance water drainage, both of which require us to obtain DNR approvals. On the positive side, we have noted that the water levels in the lake are beginning to recede somewhat so the trend toward normalcy has begun and will continue to be monitored.

Our sincere thanks to all those that helped with this investigation, including the DNR, Forest Service, and property owner volunteers.

Tips for Catching Trout in a Lake

Lake trout fishing is one of the most popular forms of fishing in North America, and we at Long Lake have them in our back yard. We began stocking rainbow trout in December 2016, stocking 12,987 fish 8-10 inches in length. That was followed up with stocking in 2017, 2018, 2019 and again in 2020. Today, there are approximately 75,000 rainbow trout out there waiting for you. **We estimate the initial stocked fish are now approaching 20-24 inches long and weigh as much as five pounds - that is a nice fish in anyone's book.**

But in talking to several of you, it seems like one of the big issues for us is that we don't know how to catch them, which is understandable. Lake trout are new to most of us, so a little "primer" seems appropriate. The following is a suggested starting point for anyone interested in giving it a try.



Equipment: A light medium action rod with 6 to 10 pound test should do the job just fine. Open-faced reels are preferable as they allow you to cast into deep waters more easily. Use #6 or #10 hooks on your lures. Spoons usually work well and can be controlled when traveling at slow speeds to make sure your spoon gets down deep enough to reach them.

Think deep: Lake trout are cold water fish, so you will not find them in shallow water during the summer months. Rather, they will congregate in 35 to 45 foot water depths where the water temperature is in the

50 to 53 degree range. At depth, the waters are going to be darker, so it is important to use brightly colored spoons or jerkbaits. Blue, silver, orange, pink and chartreuse are all good colors. If you like live bait, a spinner and night crawlers can sometimes get the job done.

Wind conditions: The best weather conditions are an overcast day with light winds.

Proper Casting: Cast at least 40 feet out over the area in which you suspect them. Drag your bait towards your boat over the top of where you believe they are.

Depth finders can be helpful: Trout often hang out below 30 feet and near underwater structures.

Bouncing the bottom: Using jerkbait works well when fish are suspended in the water. It's a perfect lure to use when dragging the bottom. Literally bounce the bottom to create deeper ripples which attracts lake trout.

Watch your line: Big trout will bite the bait and slowly swim away, while small trout will swim away furiously.

Patience: Be prepared to fail on your initial attempt; it can take several tries before you really pull all the elements together. Have fun and be prepared to give it a try multiple times until you get it right. Once you figure it out, your success ratio will improve significantly. Talk with anglers who are catching them to find out which baits and lures are working best in Long Lake and that most consistently mimic their local feeding patterns.

Good Luck!



**Long Lake Property Owners Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2019 - Salem Lutheran Church**

Meeting called to order at 9:37 am by President Wayne Voigtschild

- **Wayne introduced the Zone Directors, Treasurer, Secretary and AIS Detectors.**
- **Aquatic Invasive Species report:** Ongoing actions being taken by your Association to prevent an infestation. The focus is on Education - knowing what to do. It is important that we keep talking to each other to learn and to teach the importance of AIS prevention.
- **Priority # 1 - Water Clarity:**
 - ◊ High water quality and clarity. Secchi Reading was at 30 ft visibility. During dog days it's approximately 18-20 ft visibility.
 - ◊ Long Lake has low calcium (9.5) and low alkalinity readings; this is positive news since it makes it harder for zebra mussels and milfoil to survive.
 - ◊ Musky House Marine is a free decontamination station.
- **Priority #2 - AIS Prevention Awareness (Educate) Long Lake homeowners:**
 - ◊ Information is handed out through brochures and door hangers yearly.
 - ◊ Permanent signs have been installed along boat landing road. Will Laraway Memorial - large 4 x 4 sign posted at the boat landing reminding boaters to CLEAN – DRAIN – DRY
 - ◊ Wayne worked closely with Cass County the last four years making it possible to train interested Long Lake homeowners to be trained as AIS inspectors; this allows us to have educated individuals at the boat landing every summer weekend. Special thanks to Nick Bluhm for his involvement in the training.
 - ◊ AIS preventions signs are installed at boat landing at Camp O' My Dreams and Deer Trail Resort and Campground; implementation of boat inspections and AIS orientation for campground and resort customers.
- **Priority #3 - Walleye Stocking in Long Lake:**
 - ◊ There has been \$3500 raised for the walleye fund - the DNR will stock 350 pounds of 8-10" walleye in the lake in spring 2020. The Association will continue to fundraise for the walleye fund. If it is successful, the DNR will try stocking them in the lake again at their expense.
- **Priority #4 - Buoys:**
 - ◊ This year, we put them out later than normal. It is recommended we put them out earlier.
- **Guest Speakers:**
 - ◊ Nick Bluhm presented on invasive species. The main goal is to educate (i.e. empty water from your live wells)
 - ◊ Tyler Janke, Minnesota DNR Scientific and Natural Areas Specialist
- **New Business:**
 - ◊ Wayne announced his retirement. The new president will be Russ Peters
- **Election of Officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Zone Directors**
- **Completing the 2019 Member Survey to establish priorities for your Board in 2020**
- **The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.**

Crazy (and basically useless) facts about Minnesota:

- There are 69,200 miles of rivers and streams in Minnesota. That's enough to circle the equator 2-3/4 times.
- Minnesota produces more turkeys each year than there are people in California.
- Minnesota has one recreational boat per every six people; that's 909,528 boats - more than the population of North and South Dakota combined.
- Minnesota has over three times more white-tailed deer than college students.
- The Mall of America is big enough to hold 32 Boeing 747 airplanes.
- Minnesota stocks its waters with 256,259,500 on average per year. That's enough to give four out of five people in the U.S. each a fish.
- Minnesota harvests 18,900,000 pounds of fish per year, that's enough to fill the beds of 10,384 Ford F-150 pickup trucks.
- In 2014, Minnesota produced 1.18 bushels of corn, the weight of over 90 Empire State Buildings.
- Minnesota's craft breweries sell enough beer annually to pay for the entire state to stream Netflix for over two years.
- Minnesota has 13,136,357 acres of total surface water, more area than all the land in Hawaii and New Jersey combined.



RECYCLE

REDUCE

REUSE



Finally, a Possible Solution to Improving Walleye Fishing on Long Lake

by Wayne Voigtschild

Over the last 50 years, the Minnesota DNR has continuously invested resources to try to improve walleye fishing on Long Lake. Starting in 1980, through 2015, they stocked the lake with over 5 million walleye fry and 50,000 walleye fingerlings in hopes that Long Lake would become another excellent walleye-producing lake. In the odd years when not stocking, they tested the fish population by gill-netting to see how their efforts were impacting the walleye population. And each year, they were disappointed to learn that there was virtually no change in the walleye count. In 2016, they decided to use their limited walleye stock in other lakes where they were showing results, and to stop stocking walleye in Long lake.



After researching walleye stocking efforts across the U.S., we learned that there was strong, empirical evidence to suggest that stocking larger yearling walleye in lakes showed a significantly higher success rate (up to 62% higher), compared to stocking fry or fingerlings when they are exposed to predation by other fish species. In recognizing the large populations of bass, northern pike, black crappie and bluegill that we have in the lake, it seemed quite possible that these species were eating all the walleye fry and fingerlings the DNR stocked, thereby accounting for the lack of results in growing the walleye population over the last fifty years. This triggered our interest in stocking yearling walleye in hopes that they were large enough to avoid most predators. With that thought in mind, we requested and received a permit from the DNR to do a private stocking in the fall of 2018.

We launched a funding effort to raise money to pay for a private stocking of yearling walleye and thanks to the generous donations of many property owners, we raised enough money to stock 1,000

10-12" walleye in the fall of 2018. Recognizing that this stocking level represented only one fish per acre, we launched a second funding effort in 2019 and raised enough money to stock another 1,000 10-16" walleye in November of last year. As you can see from the picture on the right, some of these walleyes were approaching one pound in size, further improving their chances of survival.



Stocking large 16" walleye

Signs that the stocking of yearling walleye may prove successful is on the horizon.

This last winter, my brother-in-law was ice fishing and caught a walleye that came from our stocking efforts. In discussions with the DNR, they have expressed a keen interest in our yearling walleye stocking program, stating that they would keep us in mind when they have carryovers (yearlings) in future years and would stock them in the lake as they become available. This is encouraging, but is dependent on whether they have carryovers to offer. In the interim, we need to continue our efforts on stocking yearling walleye with a focus on building a sustainable population that can mature into "real keepers" within three to four years.

As property owners, we all want the best for Long Lake. We want it to be a place that offers a wide variety of recreational opportunities for family and friends, including boating, tubing, waterskiing, hydrofoiling, swimming and, of course, fishing. Bass, crappie, and bluegill fishing have always been good to excellent on the lake. Northern pike, as shown in the picture here, are growing larger thanks to the presence of a good population of cisco and lake trout to munch on. We now have lake trout which are in the 16-24" size range making them a fun species to go after. The only thing really missing in the lake in numbers is Minnesota's most prized fish...walleye. We are optimistic, for the first time in years, that we may have found the key to building a healthy population of walleye in Long Lake and with your help, we can make this happen.



Jay Schock, Winter 2019

We are requesting your support in raising money for another round of walleye stocking this fall. Your financial support is sincerely appreciated and pays dividends to us all for years to come. Our success in this venture contributes to making Long Lake one of the most desirable places to live and play in the north country.

Please send your donations earmarked "Walleye Fund" to LLPOA, PO Box 292, Longville, MN 56655. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity!

We all have a role in the battle against AIS...

In 2017, 513 of Minnesota's lakes and rivers were infested with AIS. Today, 880 or nearly 8% of Minnesota waters are infected.

Less than 3% of Minnesota lakes are listed as infested with zebra mussels, but eleven of those lakes are just a short drive from Long Lake.

What can I do?

You can help stop the spread of aquatic invasive species. **Take these three steps every time you leave a lake or river, whether it's Infested or not:**

- **Clean** all aquatic plants, zebra mussels, and other invasive species from boats, trailers, and water-related equipment.
- **Drain** water from your boat, ballast tanks, **motor**, live well and bait container. Remove drain plugs and keep drain plugs out while transporting equipment.
- **Dispose** of unwanted bait in the trash. To keep live bait, drain the water and refill the bait container with bottled or tap water.

NOTE: Take these same steps with everyone who visits you and brings their boat, trailer, kayaks, canoes, jet skis, waterskis, paddleboards, tow ropes, floaties, hydrofoils, fishing gear, tow-behind tubes or anything else that's used in water.



LIST OF INFESTED WATERS IN CASS COUNTY

Bass (or Ray)	zebra mussel	2010	connected to Gull (11-0305)
Dade	zebra mussel	2020	connected to Sylvan (11-0304)
Girl	Eurasian watermilfoil	2017	2017
Green's	zebra mussel	2010	connected to Gull (11-0305)
Gull	zebra mussel	2010	2010
Gull River	zebra mussel	2010	2014
Hand	zebra mussel	2019	2019
Leech	Eurasian watermilfoil	2005	2004
Leech	zebra mussel	2016	2016 (veligers)
Leech Lake River between Mud Lake & Mississippi River	faucet snail	2010	2010
Little Red Sand	zebra mussel	2020	connected to Sylvan (11-0304)
Margaret	zebra mussel	2010	connected to Gull (11-0305)
Pike Bay	zebra mussel	2014	2016
Spider	zebra mussel	2010	connected to Gull (11-0305)
Sylvan	zebra mussel	2020	2020
Ten Mile	zebra mussel	2019	2019 (veligers)
Town Line	Eurasian watermilfoil	2009	2009
Stream connecting Pike Bay & Cass Lake	zebra mussel	2014	connected to Cass (04-0030)
Upper Gull	zebra mussel	2010	connected to Gull (11-0305)
Washburn	Eurasian watermilfoil	2009	2009
Winnibigoshish	zebra mussel	2013	2012
Winnibigoshish	faucet snail	2009	2008

It's Time to Get the Lead Out and Protect Waterfowl from Lead Poisoning

By Jeff Forester, Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates, Noelle Hitz, MN GreenCorps, Alero Moju, MN GreenCorps

Minnesota's state bird, the common loon, faces many threats - shoreline disturbance, excessive wakes during nesting season, boat collisions and natural predation by eagles, large northern, mink, fishers, fox and pine marten. The oil pollution from the Deepwater Horizon catastrophe impacted our loons' winter migration. Another significant threat is lead fishing tackle. Loons and other waterfowl ingest the tackle thinking it's the gravel they need for their digestion, and they end up with lead poisoning. It takes a very small amount of lead to cause serious health problems in wild birds.

This year, using funds from the Deep Water Horizon settlement, the MN Pollution Control Agency is rolling out its Get the Lead Out! program to encourage anglers to turn in their toxic lead tackle in exchange for free non-lead alternatives. The objective of the Get the Lead Out! program is to prevent loon deaths and increase adult survival rates by reducing exposure of common loons to lead through advocacy of intervention activities that promote the use of non-toxic fishing tackle in Minnesota. Lead poisoning, resulting from ingestion of lead fishing tackle is recognized as one of the leading causes of death in breeding common loons, and ingestion of lead fishing tackle has been found to be the cause of death in 10 to 20% of MN loons. Studies indicate that replacing lead fishing sinkers and jigs with non-toxic alternatives provide immediate benefits to loon populations.

Get the Lead Out! A program facilitated by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency hopes to provide a proactive educational and assistance program that encourages Minnesota anglers, retailers, tackle manufacturers, nonprofits and schools to use environmentally friendly non-lead fishing tackle. Some program activities are lead tackle exchanges, providing retailer point of purchase displays, and presenting/tabling events. Because lake associations have such deep ties to their local communities, including angling tournaments, town festivals and other events, they are uniquely positioned to lead on this effort.

There are numerous opportunities for partnership with GTLO! through hosting one of the following events: tackle exchange, education/outreach, and sports shows. If there are any opportunities not listed above that you would like to partner with us on, please contact us. This spring, the MPCA and Minnesota Lakes and Rivers hosted an hour long webinar on the topic. A recording is available to view on MLR's website at www.mnlakesandrivers.org.

For more information go to www.pca.state.mn.us/living-green/nontoxic-tackle-lets-get-lead-out; or e-mail Noelle at noelle.hitz@state.mn.us or Alero at alero.moju@state.mn.us.

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's Get the Lead Out! campaign is a Deepwater Horizon Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) project. The work is being paid for with funds provided by BP as part of a 2016 settlement agreement with federal and state governments to compensate the public for injuries to natural resources and recreational use caused by the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

ATTENTION RED TRASH BAG USERS!

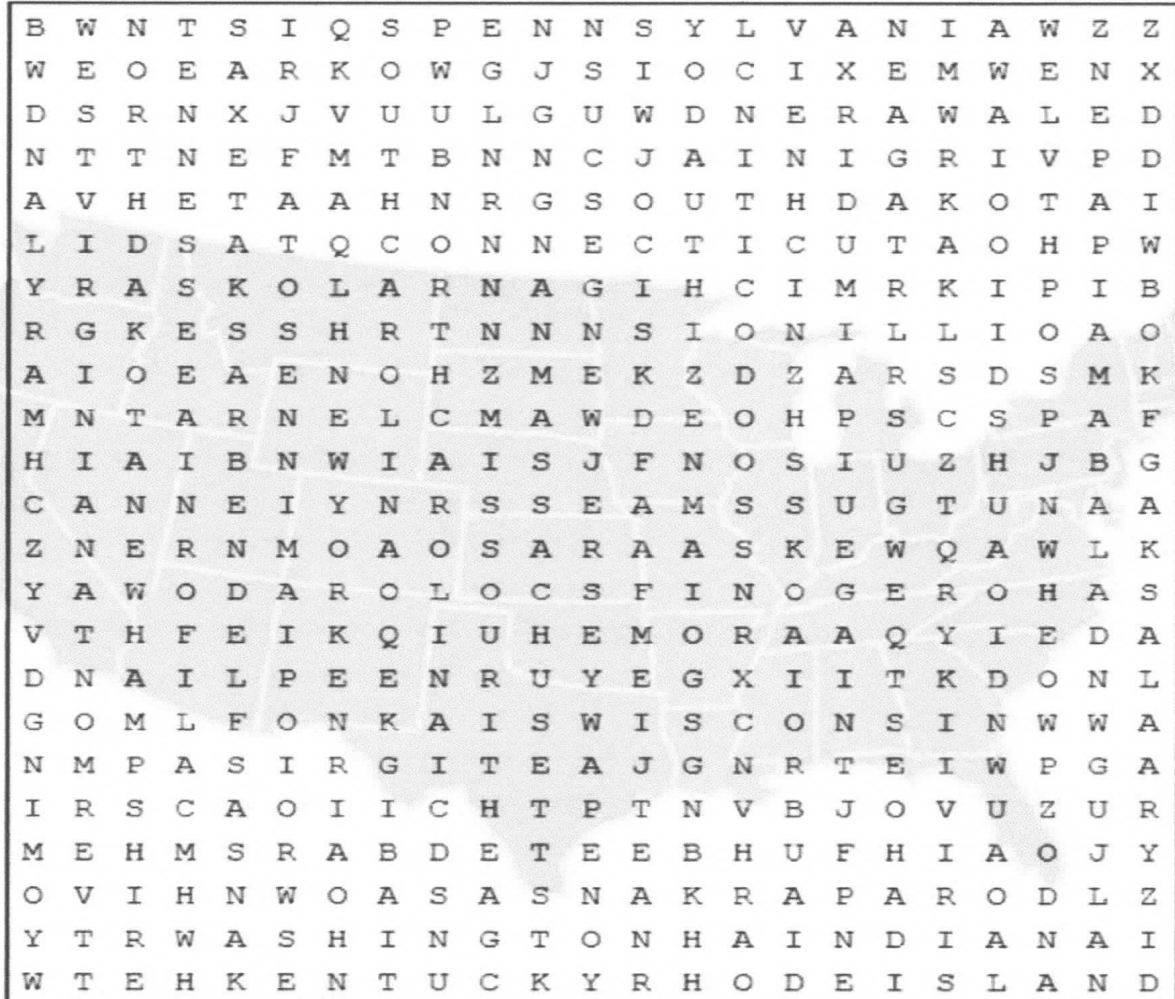
We have been fortunate to have City Sanitary Services offer their red trash bags for those of us who have properties on Long Lake. Unfortunately, the wildlife, mostly crows and raccoons, have been enjoying it too - many of you have probably seen the bags ripped open and the trash scattered all over at locations along County Road 126. **The bags were never meant to be left out on intersections along 126 or Hwy. 84 - they will be picked up curbside at your residence.** Place your bags to be picked up by your fire number, call City Sanitary at the number on the bag, leave a message with the date and your address and they will pick them up on the following Monday. If you are concerned that the animals may "trash your trash," put the bags in a garbage can and the guys will collect the bags from there.

There really is no other way to keep the bags safe from nocturnal visitors since pick-up isn't until Mondays. I know it's a nuisance, but it's really the only way to keep the garbage under control, and to stop our year-round neighbors from having to clean up scattered trash after we've left for home.

(The red bags can be purchased at the One Stop for \$6.49 each.)

Here's a word find to help you stay active with your "online learning." Better yet, try and find all fifty states without even looking at the list below!

50 State Word Search



Alabama
Alaska
Arizona
Arkansas
California
Colorado
Connecticut
Delaware
Florida
Georgia
Hawaii
Idaho
Illinois

Indiana
Iowa
Kansas
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2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Saturday, June 13th @ 9:30 am
 Saturday, July 11th @ 9:30 am
 Saturday, August 8th @ 9:30 am **
 Saturday, September 14th @ 9:30 am (?)

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

At this time, the status of the Annual Meeting is unsure. The Board will make a decision on whether there is a safe way to hold the meeting to allow for social distancing measures.

Watch for a future announcement.

2020 BOAT PARADE!!

This year's boat parade will be held on Saturday, July 4th. The parade will begin lining up at the Narrows at 4:00 pm, and will start out heading NORTH. You can dress up, decorate your boat (or both) - or just cruise around the lake honking and waving at the spectators on shore.

We polled property owners on whether to hold the parade this year because of the high water level. It was a unanimous decision to go ahead with it, but we are relying on all participants to keep their speed down, and to stay farther out from the shoreline to prevent any large wave action from hitting the shoreline.

*One note: **PLEASE** don't throw water balloons to or from boats! We've had people injured when hit with the heavy balloons, and one pontoon even ended up with a dent in its side wall. In addition, loons, ducks and fish can die if they ingest the balloons that end up floating in the lake or sinking to the bottom.*

LLPOA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE!

We are continuing 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 you to talk to your 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, about our work with the DNR on fish stocking 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 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! Your e-mail will only be used for Association communications. If you would like to begin receiving the Link by e-mail, please send your e-mail address to Meg Voigtschild at meg@msireresults.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 2020 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@msireresults.com.

