

**Spring
2021
Newsletter**

Long Lake Link

Long Lake Property Owners Association

www.minnesotawaters.org/longlakepropertyowners

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56655
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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.

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May – June Events Calendar

Thursday, May 13:

1:00 & 7:00 Immanuel Lutheran Church Spring Musical

Saturday, May 15:

10:30 LLPOA Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, May 19:

10:00 AM Friends of the Library – Spring Meeting

Saturday, May 22

9:00 Global 6K for Water

Saturday, May 29:

Poppy Fund Drive

9:00 Book Sale

10:00 Bake Sale

11:00 MCLIONS

Monday, May 31:

9:30 AM Memorial Day Service

Wednesday, June 2:

1:00 PM First Turtle Race of the Season

Friday, June 4:

7:30 AM First National Bank Priority Club Golf
Tournament

Sunday, June 6:

11:00 Immanuel Lutheran – Chicken Dinner

Wednesday, June 9:

1:00 Turtle Races

Wednesday, June 16:

1:00 Turtle Races

Saturday, June 19

8:00 Longville Community Garage Sale

9:00 Book and Bake Sale

1:00 Lions Lunch/Pie Social

7:00 Public Bingo

Wednesday, June 23:

1:00 Turtle Races

Thursday, June 24:

5:00 Girl's Night Out

Saturday, June 26:

9:00 Pie Sale

9:00 Turtle Town Art Fair

9:00 Book and Bake Sale

Wednesday, June 30:

1:00 Turtle Races

The One Watershed One Plan process presents a remarkable opportunity for Minnesota's Lake Associations

by Jeff Forester, Executive Director, Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates

In 2008 Minnesotans voted overwhelmingly (+60%) for the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment which created a three-eighths of one cent sales tax for twenty-five years. This was a remarkable achievement for Minnesotans in a year when anti-tax politics were in ascendance. Minnesotans voted our shared values and created a remarkable opportunity for our state.

One-third of revenues raised will fund the arts and state parks. One-third will fund grants to permanently protect wildlife habitat, most typically through Conservation Easements. The final one-third will fund projects to protect and rehabilitate our public waters. This "clean water" portion of the Legacy Fund is directed by the Clean Water Council, a group of citizens and legislators.



Their work began with an almost complete survey of Minnesota's lakes and rivers to see which were impaired and which were still relatively pristine. The results were alarming. Fifty six percent of Minnesota's surface waters were listed as impaired by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, MPCA.

Aquatic systems are far more complex and difficult to restore than terrestrial environments. In fact, many push back on the idea that "restoration" of an aquatic ecosystem is even possible, and point to goals like rehabilitation, or resilience.

Two facts further complicate rehabilitation and resilience efforts; all waters are connected, and water flows across political boundaries. One source of pollution will contaminate all the waters downstream. In Minnesota that is a big deal. Minnesota is one of only two places **in the world** where three continental-sized water basins originate; the Mississippi River to the Gulf of Mexico, the Red River flowing north through the vast Canadian wetlands to the Arctic Sea, and down the face of the Laurentian Divide into the Great Lakes and east to the North Atlantic.

In order to address the fifty-six percent impairment of our surface water, the Clean Water Council created the One Watershed, One Plan (1W1P) process through the Board of Soil and Water Resources (BWSR). 1W1P supports partnerships of local governments in developing prioritized, targeted, and measurable implementation plans for each of the fifty-four watersheds in the state. These watersheds include multiple political entities, townships, counties, watershed districts, and cities.

The 1W1P process requires all of these disparate groups to partner, identify areas of concern, pool resources, coordinate efforts and work together towards solutions. The Clean Water Council funds an initial planning process. Once the plan is approved by BWSR, the Clean Water Council makes funding available for implementation.

During the initial planning phase, the Clean Water Council encourages significant outreach, engagement and involvement of a wide range of stakeholders. Lake Association leaders are intimately familiar with water issues in their

jurisdiction. By committing to this process, they can help ensure that the focus of the final Comprehensive Plan includes their issues.

During the implementation phase, there is also a significant role for lake associations. Over the course of the 1W1P process hundreds of millions of dollars will go towards water projects. It is an unprecedented opportunity to protect, rehabilitate or increase the resiliency of our shared water resources.

Last year, the Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates hosted a webinar with Julie Westerlund, Executive Director of 1W1P. Ms. Westerlund outlined how lake associations can get involved in developing these ten-year plans to protect local water resources, and have a real jurisdiction in the implementation. Lake associations and local communities have an important role to play in providing input and in helping implement the plans once they are approved.

View the Recording HERE:

<http://www.anymeeting.com/Pl>

More information about One Watershed, One Plan is available at:

<http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/one-watershed-one-plan>.

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✓ **CLEAN** all visible aquatic plants, zebra mussels, and other prohibited invasive species from watercraft, trailers and water-related equipment before leaving any water access or shoreland.

✓ **DRAIN** water-related equipment (boat, ballast tanks, portable bait container, motor) and drain bilge, livewell, and baitwell by removing drain plugs before leaving a water access or shoreland property. Keep drain plugs out and water-draining devices open while transporting watercraft.

✓ **DRY** everything that came in contact with water for at least five days to destroy any clinging AIS.



Spring 2021 Water Levels Remain High

As of early May, it seems that water remains unusually high in front of lakefront homes and cabins. Natural erosion will be expected but it is always a good idea to minimize the effect as much as possible. Remember:

- Avoid throwing a large, obtrusive wake by minimizing boat, pontoon or other watercraft speed.
- Stay 200 feet from shore when possible.
- Refrain from making multiple passes in a given area.

Anglers and small-craft operators will also appreciate lessened effects from big wakes.



The "Ice-Out" date for Long Lake this year was April 6. The picture above was taken after snow moved through on April 13 and the photo to the right was taken on April 16. Wheeler Marine was on the lake that day putting in several boat lifts. Looking forward to a fantastic summer on the water!



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 Roberta Martinson at rj.martinson@yahoo.com.

Please Note: The membership/dues form (for new members or those members who need to update their information) is included in the newsletter. Send the form, along with your **2021 annual dues of \$25.00 to LLPOA; PO Box 292; Longville, MN 56655.**

Feel free to contact Roberta to check on the status of your dues. Call 319-270-0655 or e-mail rj.martinson@yahoo.com.

LONG LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP/DUES FORM

This membership/dues form is for new members or those members who need to update their contact information. You can e-mail your information to Roberta Martinson at rj.martinson@yahoo.com or send this form by mail to LLPOA; PO Box 292; Longville, MN 56655. If you are unsure about the status of your dues, feel free to contact Roberta at the e-mail above or by calling 319-270-0655.

Name (please print) _____

Home address _____

City, state, zip code _____

Home phone _____ **Cell** _____

Lake phone _____

Lake address _____

E-mail address _____

(Used only to send you the newsletter – this saves the Association printing and postage costs.)

Particular interests or concerns about the lake: _____

Please remember to contact the lake Association if you have a change of address or if any of your other contact information changes, such as e-mail or phone number.

Consider sharing your e-mail address with the LLPOA to help us control the costs of printing and mailing the Long Lake Link.

**There is no need to be a year-round resident to be involved,
volunteer to be a part of your lake community.
Board meetings are open to all members.**

Spring 2021 Board of Directors:

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Link Editor's Comments:

Hopefully this newsletter finds everyone well and able to come north to enjoy a fun and relaxing time on Long Lake. As the new Membership/Treasurer, I want to make a huge shout out to Meg Voigtschild. When I volunteered to take on the task, she met with me on my last trip north and did her best to get me up to speed. To say I was impressed with all the work she put into the job over these last few years would be an understatement and the more I dig into what it all entails, the more I shake my head at everything she did for the LLPOA.

My husband, Craig Martinson, and I purchased a house on the peninsula in the middle of Long Lake seven years ago and have been in the process of moving north. We have now stepped up the process. I am a retired high school teacher and he is a retired technician from Rockwell Collins in Cedar Rapids. We have one daughter who can out-fish just about anyone.

Craig's parents began bringing their family to this area in the 1960s, having cabins on Blackwater, Long Lake and Mule Lake. The love of fishing and being in the outdoors must be genetic. I grew up in North Dakota and while we fished a bit less, I seem to have a good appreciation for winter weather.

I'm looking forward to meeting the LLPOA Board and Zone Directors as well as getting to know more lake neighbors. Please feel free to let me know of any newsworthy information to share in upcoming Links. I can also send out a quick e-mail regarding time sensitive information if needed.

Enjoy what is left of the spring on the water and stay safe out there.