

SUMMER 2021 NEWSLETTER

Long Lake Property Owners Association

LONG LAKE LINK

Long Lake Link
PO Box 292
Longville, Minnesota
56655
Lake ID: 11-0142-00

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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Barbara Keinath, LLPOA AIS Coordinator

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Events:

Saturday, June 12

10:30 AM – June LLPOA Board Mtg.

Saturday, June 19

8:00 AM - Longville Community Garage Sale

9:00 AM - Book and Bake Sale - Library

7:00 PM Public Bingo – Young at Heart Senior Club

Wednesday, June 23

1:00PM – Turtle Races

Thursday, June 24

5:00 PM – Girls' Night Out – Downtown Longville

Saturday, June 26

9:00 AM – Turtle Town Art Fair/Pie Sale – Salem Lutheran
Book and Bake Sale - Library

Wednesday, June 30

1:00 PM – Turtle Races

Saturday, July 3

7:00 – Public Bingo

Sunday, July 4

Independence Day Celebration/Boat Parade

Wednesday, July 7

1:00 – Turtle Races

Wednesday, July 14

1:00 PM – Turtle Races

Saturday, July 17

9:00 AM - LLPOA Board Meeting

7:00 PM – Public Bingo

Wednesday, July 21

1:00 – Turtle Races

Thursday, July 22

7:00 AM – Pillow Cleaning/Book & Bake Sale - Library

5:00 PM Girls' Night Out/Summer Picnic

Wednesday, July 28

1:00 PM Turtle Races

Saturday, July 31

12:00 PM – Public Bingo

Sunday, August 1

8:00 AM – Fly-In/Drive-In Pancake Breakfast - Airport

Wednesday, August 4

1:00 PM – Turtle Races

Saturday, August 7

10:00 AM – Bake Sale - Longville

11:00 AM Corn Fest/Hot Dog Feed - Dockside

Wednesday, August 11

1:00 PM – Turtle Races

Thursday, August 12

5:00 PM – Girls' Night Out

Saturday, August 14

Long Lake Property Owners Assoc. Annual Meeting –
Longville Pavilion

9:00 AM – Northwoods Art Counsel's

Annual Art & Book Festival -

Hackensack Community Center

Wednesday, August 18

1:00 PM – Last Turtle Race of the Season

Saturday, September 4

Arts Off 84 Art Crawl/Bake Sale/Lions' BBQ

See Longville Chamber of Commerce events calendar for more events and information.

LONG LAKE WALLEYE FUND



Our Long Lake Property Owners Association walleye stocking is complete for 2021. The association has been successful in raising the needed funds to continue this program but now need to look toward supplementing the funding for 2022 and beyond. If you enjoy fishing for this desirable catch on Long Lake and want to contribute to the fund, donations can be sent to **LLPOA at PO Box 292; Longville, MN 56655**. You can include the donation in dues renewal, but indicate on your check that you want to earmark part of that money for “walleye stocking”. If you have questions, **Jeff Simons, Scott Rietsema** or your **Zone Directors** can share more information.

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 – Membership/Treasurer at rj.martinson@yahoo.com
or send this form by mail to **LLPOA, PO Box 292, Longville, MN 56655**.

You may also include your 2021 annual membership dues of **\$25.00** if mailing the form.

Name (please print) _____

Home address _____

City, state, zip code _____

Home phone _____ Cell _____

Lake phone _____

Lake address _____

E-mail address _____

(Used only for Association communications)



New Bench at Long Lake Landing Honors Wayne Voigtschild

Meg Voigtschild's brother and sister-in-law, Tom and Trese Sorensen, have a cabin on Fahrenholz. They knew first-hand how much Wayne loved it here and the many hours he devoted to the lake and its residents. They ordered this bench in Wayne's memory through the DNR. The plaque reminds us of the years between 2013 and 2019 Wayne served as LLPOA's president. It has been installed at the public boat launch. He would be pleased.

HIGHWAY 200 SPRING CLEANUP - WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Hi there. Are you bored with your post-pandemic exercise routine and looking for something new? Come and help your friends and neighbors pick up the trash on Highway 200 between Mile Markers 147 and 149. WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23 AT 9:30 AM we will be meeting at the intersection of Macemon (West) and Highway 200. If the weather is a problem, we will reschedule.

If you can help or have questions, please contact Susan Gray at sgray8080@aol.com or call or text 612-210-5515. Children over the age of 12 with an adult and signed permission are welcome to join us. To learn more about it, check out this link and watch the video [Safety and Parking - Adopt a Highway - MnDOT](#)

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AIS Update

Barbara Keinath, one of six Long Lake residents sponsored by the LLPOA to train as an AIS Detector a few years ago, has volunteered to serve as LLPOA AIS coordinator. She's stepping into the role created by Wayne Vogtschild, whose passing last November left a large void in Long Lake AIS prevention efforts.

Among the objectives for AIS prevention expressed by the LLPOA Board are reconnecting with Cass County AIS efforts, providing property owners with information on AIS and infested Minnesota waters, and ensuring that Long Lake residents know how to prevent the spread of AIS. She also plans to meet with the other Long Lake AIS Detectors to devise an approach to routine monitoring of select Long Lake sites.

Stay tuned for newsletter articles, calls for participation, and other updates.



WHY YOU, a Lake Association Member, Should Join Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates

Mission: To protect Minnesota's lake and river heritage for current and future generations by forging powerful links among lakes, lake advocates and policy makers.

By Jeff Forester, Executive Director, MN Lakes and Rivers Advocates

Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates, an organization of individual lake lovers and lake associations, has had remarkable success for lakes and lake home and cabin owners, lowering property tax rates from 2.25% to 1%, protecting lakeshore for inclusion in Conservation Easement property tax deductions, securing \$10 million Annual County AIS Prevention Aid. All of these represent our values, time spent with family and friends on a healthy lake. I know you share those values.

Members are crucial to our shared work.

Even with this success, our individual membership has declined as Lake Association membership has increased. We think we know why. Let me explain why your individual membership is just as important than your lake association's membership.

A growing base of individual members is critically important to meet our shared goals:

1. Lake associations, as nonprofits are limited in the advocacy they can do. Individuals are not.
2. Grassroots advocacy relies on numbers. There are 70,000 pheasant licenses sold in Minnesota. Pheasants Forever has 46,000 MN members. Today less than 0.06% of lake home and cabin owners in Minnesota are members of MLR and contacting their elected officials on behalf of our lakes and rivers. Imagine the impact if 5% or even 10% engaged.
3. Without individual membership support it is impossible to sustain and fund a statewide lake and river advocacy organization. There are over 500 lake associations in Minnesota. If they all joined at the current average, \$150, that would generate \$75k annually, slightly more than our current printing, mailing and electronic communications budget.



We held a focus group to try to discover why some individuals have not yet decided to join MLR.

- Some believed that if their lake association is a member of MLR, there is no need for them to join.
- Some did not realize that individual membership was important.
- Some have intended to join but just let it slip - life is busy.

Our lakes are facing multiple threats

In 2020 the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency listed 56% as impaired, meaning they failed to meet one or more water quality standards. In 2018 40% of Minnesota's surface waters were listed as impaired. Our lakes and rivers are becoming impaired at an unacceptable and accelerating rate.

The threats to our lakes, Aquatic Invasive Species, runoff pollution, road salt, and micro-plastics, are very concerning.



Lakes cannot protect themselves. And while your lake association does tremendous work, a lake association needs help. They must operate within a set of laws, statutes, and rules. While lake associations do tremendous philanthropy protecting the public waters, the public should play a bigger role in funding lake protection efforts. Often, lake associations are not fully included in discussions by state agencies like the MN DNR or the MPCA. **This is why a statewide organization is so important.**

Your voice at the capitol.

You and your lake need a voice at the state capitol. MLR is that voice. We are at the Capitol everyday it is in session representing the issues our lake home and cabin members tell us are important. You and the lake you love have already benefited

from our work, but there is much, much more to do.

Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates works at the state legislature to pass laws and secure funding to help lake associations and lake home and cabin owners protect their family heritage. With two full time lobbyists, a media specialist, and a state of the art "one click" email action alert system, MLR is able to frame lake issues for state policy makers, educate them about solutions, and provide a large enough grassroots base in support to see that those solutions are funded and codified in state statute.

In the last few legislative sessions, MLR, its partners and its base of members were able to convince the legislature to restore aquatic invasive species management grants for lake associations, fund the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center, and rebate the sales taxes lake associations pay for chemical treatments of lakes.

Please Join MLR Today

Here are three reasons for you to join MLR today even if your lake association is also a member:

1. As nonprofits, lake associations are limited in the political advocacy they can do. But as individuals, you can and should engage, let your elected officials hear your voice.
2. With professional lobbying and our email action alert system, MLR amplifies your combined voices and tracks the process so that your communications are well informed and timed for maximum impact.
3. Grassroots action truly is a numbers game. There are over 600,000 lake home and cabin owners in Minnesota. The lake is a core value for all of them, yet less than 0.05% have made the choice to engage on lake issues.

Joining together in an organized grassroots organization is the best way to stop the destruction of our lakes, to rehabilitate the lakes that have become impaired, and to leave our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren a better lake legacy than we have enjoyed.

Can we count on you to join MLR and support our statewide efforts to protect Minnesota's iconic lakes and rivers?

Go to www.mnlakesandrivers.org. Click on the Membership button, and join at whatever amount works for you. The average is about \$84 a year. Please consider using the sustaining membership, about \$7.00 a month, less than one trip to the ice cream parlor with the kids. Sustaining memberships allow us to put more of your contribution towards our shared mission.

Minnesota's lakes deserve our support. Only an engaged and committed group of lake lovers like you and me can reverse the troubling trends. It is time for all of us to pull together and take action. I hope we can count on you.

Please call 612-961-6144 or email me at jeff@mnlakesandrivers.org with any questions or comments you may have. It would be my pleasure to talk lakes with you.

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Why do we love to come to the lake? This photo, taken this spring, gives one hint. These cute little fox kits are just one example of the surprises you may see living on Long Lake. Thanks to the cabin owner that provided this picture. If you have a good (undisturbed) nature photograph taken on Long Lake, send it in!

2021 ANNUAL MEETING — AUGUST 14

THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL MTG. WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 14 AT 9:30 AM. THE LOCATION THIS YEAR WILL BE AT LONGVILLE'S STUART PAVILION. IT IS LOCATED AT 107 SUMMERHILL DRIVE IN THE PARK JUST SOUTH OF LONGVILLE, OFF STATE HWY. 84. WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION COMING OUT CONCERNING THE AGENDA, BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS, AND SPEAKERS.

2021 Boat Parade!

This year's parade will be held **Sunday, July 4th**. The flotilla will begin by lining up at the narrows at **4:00 PM** and will begin heading toward the south end of the lake and working around clock-wise. Dress up your boat, wear costumes, wave. ***Have some fun and be creative.*** If you can, make the entire loop so all spectators can enjoy the event.

The lake water is still at record height. Please, [stay well off-shore and reduce your wake](#) as much as possible to lessen effects on docks/lifts and [shorelines](#).

Please do not throw water balloons! People and property have been harmed in the past and the broken balloons are dangerous to wildlife. The same holds true for plastic beads, etc. Keep your stuff in the boat.

Send some good photos to the Link for the Fall edition!



LLPOA Membership

Our lake community would like to reach property owners who are not yet members and may not know that the association even exists. Talk to your lake neighbors and let them know the benefits of membership. Let them know that the association is working hard to keep aquatic invasive species out of the lake, managing water quality, working with the DNR on fish stocking and protecting local wildlife and habitat. Then encourage them to join. Our Zone Directors will be getting out AIS handouts and membership forms for existing and new members. If you have not yet renewed your membership, now is the perfect time to do so! If you want to check your membership status, e-mail: rj.martinson@yahoo.com and I will let you know where you are at with dues.

Welcome Your July 4 Family and Friends, But Not Their AIS!

With July 4 approaching, we are all looking forward to hosting family and friends. The Longville parade, ice cream at Frosty's, boating and fishing, the Long Lake boat parade, and fireworks make for fun days and evenings. After last year's cancellations, the 2021 celebration will be especially welcome.

Not at all welcome for the holiday (or any time of the year) are any aquatic invasive species (AIS) that might arrive with your guests. Before they leave home for Long Lake, your guests need to CLEAN, DRAIN, AND DRY their watercraft, trailers, and fishing gear. When they get here, each property owner needs to inspect those items to ensure that no weeds are attached, live wells are clean and dry, ballast tanks are empty and dry, and fishing gear is clean before use in our waters.

The Minnesota DNR provides excellent information on their website

(<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/ais/index.html>). Check it out! While you are there, be sure to check out the infested waters list. Among the lakes with infestations are Mille Lacs, Leech, Girl, Ten Mile, Town Line, and Hand.

Boaters and anglers coming from an infested lake or river need to be especially thorough as they CLEAN, DRAIN, AND DRY their watercraft and gear.

Two years ago an alert AIS inspector at the Long Lake public launch caught the presence of a Zebra Mussel on a trailer before the trailer entered the lake. The boat and trailer were coming from nearby Hand Lake. That's a close call, in more ways than one. If you think you have seen an AIS (other than Chinese Mystery Snail), contact the DNR.

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/ais/contacts.html> tells you how to do that.

Long Lake is not on the list of infested waters, even though we have seen an increase in Chinese Mystery Snails in recent years. Prevention is the key to keeping Long Lake as wonderful as it is. Each of us doing our part really matters!

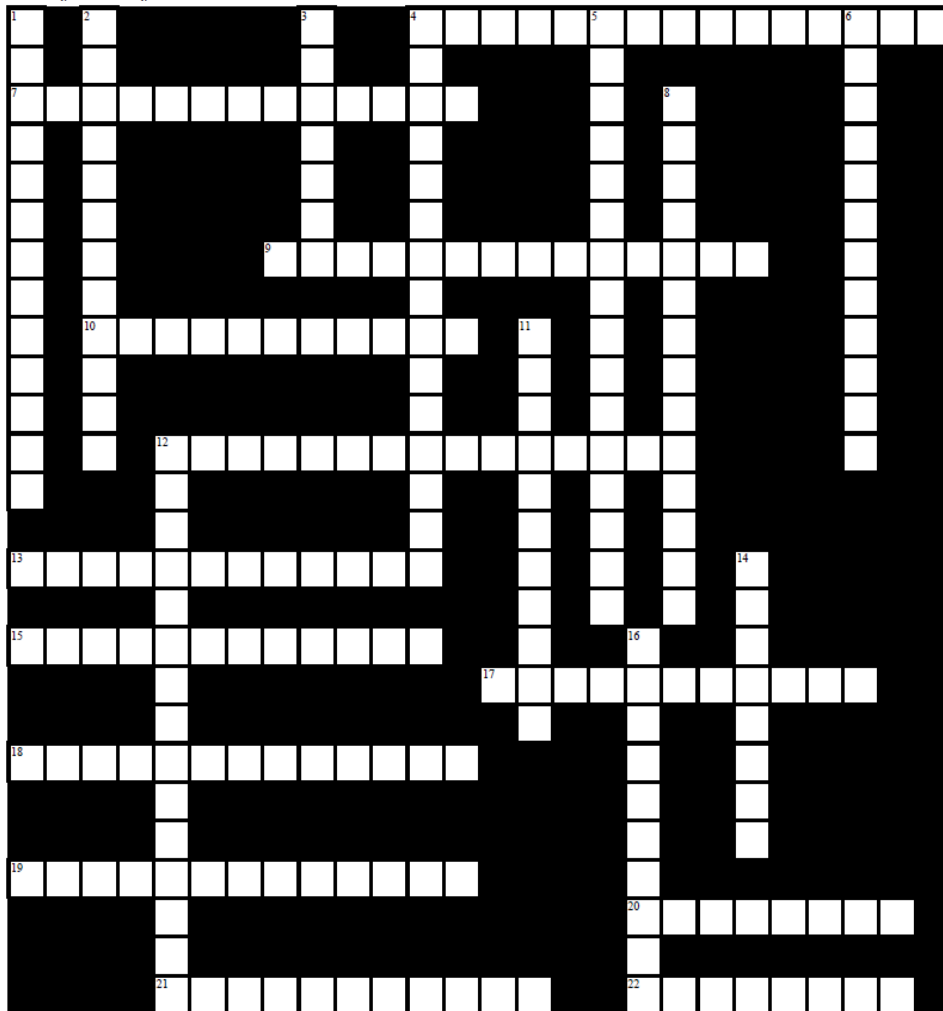
From Barbara Keinath, LLPOA AIS Coordinator



Fish of Long Lake

Roberta Martinson

There are many fish species that can be found in Long Lake in Cass Co, MN. Some are well known and some you may have never heard of. Let's test your fish knowledge! Choices can be found on MN DNR site specific for Long Lake or you can "peek" at the Answer Key. . . if you must.



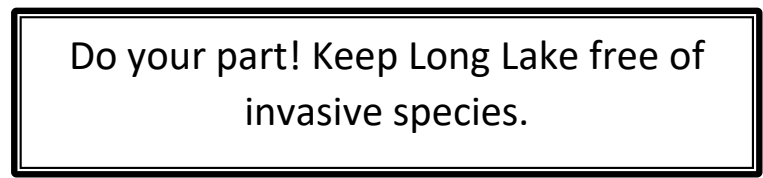
Across

- 4 Silvery minnow with a black horizontal stripe; (Notropis heterodon) (2 Words)
- 7 Has dark barbells near mouth; no scales on black body (2 Words)
- 9 Scavenger fish with white or yellow barbells (2 Words)
- 10 Colorful speckled sunfish
- 12 (Fundulus diaphanus) Maximum length of 5 in., this schooling fish is common prey (2 Words)
- 13 Very common darter from the perch family; (Etheostoma nigrum) (2 Words)
- 15 Small pan fish often mistaken for a bluegill (2 Words)
- 17 Golden with vertical dark stripes; usually smaller in size; in walleye family (2 Words)
- 18 (Pimephales promelas) Plump minnow that produces strong distress signal (2 Words)
- 19 Important as a clan symbol of the Ojibwe people; also known as a "mud cat" (2 Words)
- 20 Also known as a cisco; white fish that serves as a food source for walleye and pike
- 21 Bottom feeding fish also known as a mullet; common bait minnow (2 Words)
- 22 Less desirable pan fish with a bright red eye and spiny dorsal fin (2 Words)

Down

- 1 Cross between bluegill and green sunfish (2 Words)
- 2 Desirable dark spotted panfish caught on small jigs or minnow rigs (2 Words)
- 3 MN obsession; olive/gold with white spot on bottom of tail fin; long, sharp teeth
- 4 Tannish minnow with a black horizontal stripe; (Notropis heterolepis) (2 Words)
- 5 (Umbra limi) Brownish, low oxygen tolerant minnow; northern pike favorites (2 Words)
- 6 Long greenish predator fish; Often aggressive; Largest known catch - 46 lb. (2 Words)
- 8 Bigger gamefish with dark green horizontal stripe; major Long Lake fighter (2 Words)
- 11 An eastern shiner introduced by bait bucket release; (Notropis volucellus) (2 Words)
- 12 Common flat nosed bait fish (2 Words)
- 14 Small sunfish with black spot or "ear" behind each gill
- 16 Also known as a weed darter; small non-native prey (2 Words)

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The boat started to go together a bit like a model airplane kit and it's actually starting to look like a boat! It's the perfect hobby for a person who likes woodworking and lake life. Stay tuned for the next stages of development.

