

# Winter 2019 Newsletter

# Long Lake Link

*Long Lake Property Owners Association*

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## UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

April 13	Firemen's Annual Fish Fry (4:30 pm): proceeds benefit Longville Volunteer Fire Dept.	Longville Fire Hall
April 20	Easter EGGstravaganza (10:00 am)	Common Grounds Coffee House
April 21	Easter breakfast (9 am)	Longville Bible Chapel
May 11	Spring Fling Style Show (8:45 am): brunch/show/prizes by Studio 5 & Pine Co. (\$22)	Patrick's
May 25	Memorial Weekend events (all day): Poppy Fund Drive, Book Sale (library), Bake Sale, McLion's Hamburgers	Downtown Longville
May 27	Memorial Day Service (9:30 am)	Longville Fire Hall
June 5	Turtle Races begin!! (1-3:00 pm): <i>Races will be held every Wednesday thru Aug. 21</i>	Downtown Longville
June 9-9	ABC Sale (Attic-Basement-Cellar): annual fundraising event	Immanuel Lutheran Church
June 9	Walker Triathlon (9 am-1 pm)	Walker
June 15	Community Garage Sale: arts/crafts/music (8am-2pm)	Downtown Longville
	Book & Bake Sale (9am-2pm)	Library
June 22	Firemen's Sandwiches & Chamber's Pie Social (11:00 am)	Longville City Docks parking lot
June 29	Public Bingo (7:00 pm)	Young at Heart Club
July 4	Turtle Town Art Fair (9am-3pm)	Salem Lutheran Church grounds
July 6	4th of July Celebration (all day): parade/food/fun	Downtown Longville
July 7	Public Bingo (7pm)	Young at Heart Club
July 12-13	Music in the Park (5pm): "Monroe Crossing"	Salem Lutheran Church
July 20	First Ladies of Song Music Festival (7:30pm & 7:45pm): "Josh Duffee & His Big Band"	Hackensack Community Building
July 28	Public Bingo (7pm)	Young at Heart Club
August 3	Music in the Park (5pm): "Michael Monroe"	Salem Lutheran Church
	Bake Sale on Main Street (10am-2pm), Lion's Corn & Hot Dog Feed (11am-2pm)	Downtown Longville
August 4	Public Bingo (7pm)	Young at Heart Club
August 10	Fly-In/Drive-In Pancake Breakfast (8am-noon)	Longville Municipal Airport
	Northwoods Art & Book Festival (9am-3pm)	Hackensack
August 18	Annual Church Auction (10am)	Salem Lutheran Church
August 25	Music in the Park (5pm): "Dan Duffy Orchestra"	Salem Lutheran Church
August 31	Summer's End Food Fest (11am-1pm)	Immanuel Lutheran Church
Aug. 31-Sept. 1	Art Crawl Bake Sale (9am-5pm); Longville Lion's Hog Heaven (11am-2pm)	Downtown Longville
Sept. 14	"Arts Off 84" Art Crawl (9am-5pm)	Hwy. 84 from Pine River to Longville
Sept. 12-28	Oktoberfest (all day)	Downtown Longville
	"Fall Has It All": Longville, Remer, Hackensack & Walker	

## 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.

## A letter from the President...

Well, it's that time of year again as we look forward at the new year and reflect back on what happened on and around the lake in 2018; but before doing that, does anyone remember spring last year? Seriously, we did not see an end to nighttime temperatures in the 30s until May 22<sup>nd</sup>. That contributed to a late "ice-out" date of May 4. For the record, we have only had "ice-out" dates in May seven times over the last 54 years. This validates what many of us were thinking – winter held on forever.

In early May, the DNR planted another 10,000 rainbow trout into Long lake for a total now of 46,000 fish being planted since December 2016. For those of you fishing for rainbow trout, please send Meg or me pictures when you catch a keeper so we can monitor their growth. Just for added excitement, the DNR planted a few five pounders out there as well, which would be a hoot to catch.

The Board met several times over the summer and resumed our responsibilities pursuing the priorities we were given by the membership at the 2017 annual meeting. This included managing the buoy program on the lake, water quality sampling and reporting, upkeep of the LLPOA directory, continuing our focus on AIS awareness and prevention, working on new membership and pursuing a new member-requested initiative to plant additional walleye in the lake. As your elected Board, we take these actions seriously because they are all designed to improve the value we receive from being members of the Long Lake Property Owners Association.

The buoys have been well-received by members and, speaking for myself, have all but eliminated the annual cost of prop repairs. We added two new buoys at the Narrows to remind boaters that this is a "No Wake Zone," plus additional buoys at the entrance to Breezeway Bay as we had reports of boats hitting rocks in that area. The water sampling and Secchi readings we take throughout the summer are analyzed by RMB Environmental Laboratories and reported to the DNR. These samplings validate a very positive trend in our water quality. For those of you that may not know, the clarity of the water on Long Lake has improved significantly, from a low in the year 2000 of around 13 feet visibility, to its current range of 22 to 27 feet. Two years ago, we installed AIS prevention signs on the road to the public boat landing and at the boat ramps of the two resorts, and now maintain those signs to make sure they remain visible. We maintain an active "lost and found" e-mail communication system for property owners – this has helped members to report, or search for, lost items. We've reunited owners with water skis, life jackets, swim platforms, water toys, and even dock components. Finally, we launched an effort to obtain DNR approval to plant additional walleye in the lake (see inside story).

Protecting Long Lake from aquatic invasive species (AIS) is our Association's major and most challenging initiative. **Sixteen water bodies are now on the infected list in Cass County, with the closest of these being Girl Lake which is less than one mile from us.** We have a three-pronged initiative in process to protect Long Lake from infestation. The first of these is promoting an increased awareness of how to prevent AIS from entering our lake among property owners, and those launching watercraft at the three boat ramps. The second element of our success has been the combined involvement of all Association members, so we will continue to work on expanding membership in 2019. Finally, the third and equally important element is our improved communications with Cass County – they are now supporting us by providing an AIS Inspector at our public boat launch one day each weekend throughout the summer. We hope to supplement this effort with some of our own AIS detectors in order to get a higher level of coverage at the boat landing (see inside story).

All these actions are designed to positively impact recreation, fishing and property values on the lake. My personal thanks to the Board and to all of you for your past and continued support.



## AIS Infestations – A Problem with Immense Cost Implications



An Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS), is an organism introduced into an ecosystem that disrupts the native habitats of the region. These organisms are typically spread by humans and have become a persistent problem for waterways by clogging boating channels, disrupting the natural food chain and negatively impacting taxpayers. Eurasian watermilfoil and Starry Stonewort are two examples of plant infestation that have significant consequences to property owners. These rapid-growth plants block sunlight and starve-out native plants. They seriously inhibit predator-prey relationships with fish, disrupting the normal development of the native fish species. While these conditions are costly to property owners in terms

of the recreational value of the lake, lakes with these invasive plants are experiencing the added expense of trying to combat explosive growth of the plants. The chart below represents actual costs being shared by four lake associations and the DNR to combat these aquatic invasive species.



### Actual Reported Treatment Costs

Lake	Invasive Species	Length of Treatment Program	Avg. Cost/Yr
Koronis	Starry Stonewort	Ongoing	\$800,000
Minnetonka (3 Bays)	Eurasian Milfoil	5-year program	\$140,000
Cuyuga Lake	Hydrilla	10-year program	\$400,000
Christmas Lake	Zebra Mussels	Unknown	\$9,000/acre

The damage does not stop there. Studies conducted by the University of Wisconsin and Cornell University have estimated that an invasive species infestation reduces property values between 8% and 20%, depending upon the degree of infestation. The Montana Invasive Species Council has estimated an invasion of zebra and quagga mussels could reduce property values along Flathead, Whitefish and Swan Lake waterfronts by as much as \$500 million.

Sometimes it's hard to visualize just what an infestation would mean to us. A recent report from the Lake Koronis' Lake Association in Hubbard county certainly brings it into focus.

*"Today the infestation is lake-wide. Using a mechanical harvester, the Lake Koronis Association has removed over 286,000 pounds of starry stonewort from a four-acre test plot. Residents are reporting infestations so thick they have trouble getting boats off boat lifts and into the lake, they have to paddle out past the infestation to motor up. Fishing off the dock or swimming from shore is impossible."*

Starry stonewort is threatening property values and the Hubbard County tax base. Koronis resident Roland Ebert has seen a potential impact on home sales on Koronis. **"Prospective buyers walk out on the dock and leave," said Ebert. "That's why people buy a lake property, to enjoy swimming, boating, fishing and you can't do that here. There's no access."**



## AIS Infestations – A Problem with Immense Cost Implications *(continued from page 3)*

Long Lake is 1,000 acres and it would be cost prohibitive to have to treat it for aquatic invasive species. Therefore, protecting it from an AIS infestation is our Association's most important and most challenging initiative. **Sixteen water bodies are now on the infected list in Cass County, with the closest of these being Girl Lake which is less than one mile away from Long Lake.** The urgency has never been greater for all of us as property owners to do our part in preventing an AIS infestation on Long Lake. Prevention is the only rational approach for property owners on Long Lake.

We have a four-pronged initiative in process to protect Long Lake from infestation:

1. Increasing awareness of what we can, as property owners, personally do to prevent AIS from infesting the lake.
2. Expanding membership in the Long Lake Property Owners Association which will allow us to share key initiatives and results with more property owners, improving our collective probability of success preventing an AIS infestation.
3. Working with Cass County's AIS Program Coordinator to request additional monies to fund our AIS prevention efforts on Long Lake. This includes funding a Cass County AIS Inspector at the public boat landing for a minimum of one weekend day throughout the summer, and financially supporting an initiative to train interested members of our Association in becoming AIS detectors to supplement inspection efforts at the public boat landing.
4. Maintaining and improving signage at the public boat landing to improve awareness among fisherman and recreational boaters regarding the steps necessary to prevent an accidental AIS infestation on Long Lake.

If you are not currently a member of the Long Lake Property Owners Association, we ask you to consider joining us in our efforts to prevent AIS from being introduced into Long Lake. We are working together with the DNR, Cass County, resorts, campgrounds and property owners to improve awareness of what each of us can do to prevent an infestation.

Our legacy is to preserve the beauty of Long Lake for us and the future generations that come behind us. Thank you!

## THIS WINTER WAS NO DISNEY MOVIE!

### More "You know you're from Minnesota when..."

You don't fire up the snowblower until there's at least a foot of snow cuz the shovel works just fine.

You owe more money on your snowmobile than on your car.

You design Halloween costumes to fit over snowsuits; and you've taken your kids trick-or-treating in the snow.

Your husband thinks sexy lingerie is a flannel nightgown with only eight buttons.

You've worn shorts and a ski jacket at the same time.

You like driving in the winter because the potholes are filled with snow.

You own a snowmobile, an ice house and a four-wheel drive vehicle.



You count seven empty cars running in the parking lot at Cub at any given time.

It takes two feet of snow and/or minus 40 degrees with a windchill to close schools.

You keep WCCO on 24/7 because of possible blizzard and/or windchill warnings.

You automatically go to the bathroom "one more time" before putting on your winter coat and boots.

You wear shorts when it gets to 50 degrees in March, but put on a jacket and complain if it gets down to 60 in August.

You can drive 65 mph through two feet of snow during a blizzard without flinching.

You don't turn the furnace on until November 1st, no matter what!

You hope summer falls on a weekend this year!

## Can Walleye Survive in Long Lake?

This is what many of us have been wondering for the last twenty years. To answer this question, the DNR began planting walleye in Long Lake between 1980 and 1990; they planted between 356,000 and one million walleye fry. For those of you who may not know what size walleye fry are, they are about the size of a matchhead. The DNR measured results after 1990 and found very little impact in size or count of our walleye. Between 2001 and 2009, several additional walleye plantings took place, this time with fingerlings. For comparison purposes, fingerlings are fish about the size of one's finger. During this period, between 176 to 712 pounds of fingerlings were planted every other year in Long lake. In 2010, the DNR once again measured the walleye population in Long Lake to determine if it had improved.

Unfortunately, it measured less than in any year since 1950. In one last-ditch effort, the DNR planted 360,000 walleye fingerlings per year in 2011, 2013 and 2015. Measuring once again in 2015, the results were still dismal, leading the DNR to conclude that Long Lake was not conducive to walleye survival.

I did some research to see what the average rate of survival was for walleye fry vs. fingerlings. Surprisingly, fry have a documented survival rate of less than 1% across all lakes surveyed. If a lake has lower zooplankton and high predation from other fish species, that 1% rate drops off much faster. Fingerlings have a much higher survival rate than fry according to studies, estimated at 35%. But if there is high predation from other species, that number also drops off rapidly. The DNR documented that Long Lake had very high populations of large-mouth bass and northern pike during this period, which may well have explained why all planting efforts in the past have proven fruitless.

So what have we learned from all this history? We know that fry have a much lower survival rate compared to fingerlings (1% vs. 35%), suggesting that the larger the fish planted, the better their survival rate. We also know that northern pike populations have declined by 35% in Long Lake over this same period which helps reduce the predation pressure. So, what happens if we plant walleye larger than fingerlings? In talking with walleye nurseries, I learned that the survival rate among larger walleye was expected to be much better than that of fry or fingerlings - that was enough to give us a spark of hope.



During the late summer and fall of 2018, we approached property owners to see if there was any interest in pooling together and creating a fund to purchase walleye yearlings to plant in the lake; the response was overwhelmingly positive (yearlings are walleye between ten and twelve inches in length). Thanks to many of our members, we collected just over \$3,500 to do our first planting. I then talked to the DNR, sharing our interest in planting larger walleye and applied for a permit to do so. We received approval in late August and contacted a DNR-approved nursery to purchase up to 350 pounds of ten to twelve-inch walleye. Between October 1<sup>st</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, we planted these walleyes in both ends of the lake, plus in the middle, so we would have equal distribution.

Can walleye survive in Long Lake? I, for one, am optimistic that this could be a new chapter in our efforts to re-establish a healthy walleye population in the lake. The DNR will once again be testing this fall to determine if we are on the road to success. If we are, we will know what must be done, and with your support, we will make it happen. In the meantime, there are two phrases for all of us to remember regarding the walleye: "Mum's the word," and "Catch and release."

**Thank you for your support...  
and let's keep our fingers crossed!**





The threat of AIS impacting Long Lake has never been greater, with sixteen lakes and water bodies in Cass county now infected (one is only a mile away). We have been able to get an AIS Inspector from Cass County one weekend day per week, which we really appreciate. But we all know it's not enough.

There is hope, however. The Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center (MAISRC), in partnership with the University of Minnesota, is offering an AIS Detector program where individuals can get high-quality training on how to detect AIS from AIS experts. Participants will learn the principles of basic aquatic ecology, AIS identification, impacts and biology, Minnesota rules and regulations preventing the spread of AIS, and how and where to report.

The Association of Cass County Lakes (ACCL) has agreed to pay the tuition fee of \$195 for a limited number of people who have an interest in becoming AIS Detectors. It involves six to eight hours of online training which you can do in the privacy of your home or in a public library, plus one full day in a workshop in one of the following locations: Arden Hills, Farmington, Willmar, Backus or Fergus Falls.

After graduating from the training class, the requirement is to provide 25 hours of annual service in the field of aquatic invasive species. Our hope is that this would allow us to have coverage on weekend days when the Cass County inspector is not present. If you are interested, please e-mail [meg@msiresults.com](mailto:meg@msiresults.com) or call 952-432-0164 for an application form. The free tuition is a limited time offer available on a first-come first-served basis, so sign up today. **Becoming an AIS Detector is a meaningful way to make a difference!**



## Ranger Rick's Winter Fishing Report...

Fishing has been difficult this winter, to say the least, due to the less than perfect conditions on the lake. The folks that I know do a lot of fishing and have good results have had major challenges even getting out on the lake. Initially, the ice was too thin to be safe, and then came the warm weather which was followed by heavy snow. We ended up with a layer of slush beneath the snow that just never went away. This occurred on many lakes statewide, with reports coming in daily about snowmobiles and ATVs getting stuck on the ice. These conditions made it extremely difficult to pull a portable fish house out onto the lake. All the fishermen I checked in with that normally fish the lake over the winter months have given me the same answer...fishing sucked this winter!

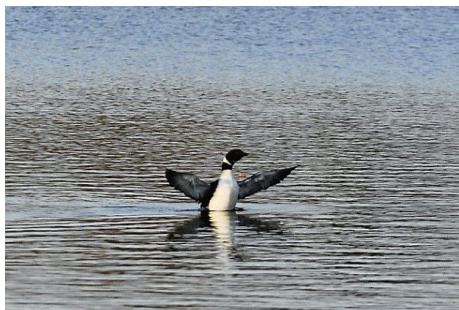


On the bright side, the winter of 2018-19 is all but over, and we are all looking forward to spring fishing. The fish should be plenty hungry because they sure haven't been overfed by us this winter. Plus we should have a good selection to choose from: northern pike, crappies, sunfish, bass, walleye (hopefully), and now rainbow trout. The trout should be sixteen inches or more by now so they should be fun to catch. And while I am thinking about this, if any of you have some good recipes for rainbow trout, e-mail them to Meg and we will try them out and share them with the membership. Actually, I think Meg may have said something about her having a cheeseburger while I tried out the trout recipes...

## Minnesota loon conservation efforts get \$7.2M from Deepwater Horizon oil spill settlement

By John Myers/Forum News Service, October 9, 2018

Projects to bolster conservation efforts for Minnesota loons will get a huge boost under a settlement stemming from the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. The agreement, published Tuesday in the Federal Register, sets aside \$16 million from BP, the oil rig's owner, for fish and wildlife rehabilitation for species affected by the explosion, fire and spill that killed 11 people, injured 17 others and sent millions of gallons of oil into the Gulf of Mexico.



(Pioneer Press: Dave Orrick)

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Under the "Open Ocean" portion of the BP settlement, Minnesota loon restoration would get \$7.2 million. Minnesota's plan includes using the settlement money to buy conservation easements or critical loon habitat on Minnesota lake shorelines to ensure they have quality nesting areas. Money could also go to lake associations to help loons and to promote non-toxic fishing tackle. Small lead sinkers and jigs used by anglers are known to cause lead poisoning in loons that ingest the tackle thinking they are pebbles they need to help digest their food.

The settlement means federal agencies directed to dole out the BP settlement have agreed on how to spend it. The proposal also would give North and South Dakota \$6.25 million to bolster black terns, while another \$2.15 million will go to help recover gulf sturgeon. About 900 loons were killed in the spill directly, but many more may have been contaminated. Minnesota researchers fitted loons with tracking devices and discovered they dive to the bottom of the Gulf of Mexico to feed.

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Biologists remain uncertain how the oil spill and residual impacts may have affected Minnesota's summer loon population, but they made a compelling enough case for loon conservation efforts to be included in the final BP settlement. In 2015, BP agreed to the largest settlement in U.S. history, paying more than \$18 billion to restore natural resources damaged by the oil spill. Most of the money went to the five states along the Gulf of Mexico. But Minnesota's longtime nongame wildlife coordinator, Carroll Henderson, persuaded state officials to submit a request, the only one to help migratory waterfowl in a non-Gulf state.

"This is a great day for loons in Minnesota. We have an arrangement that will provide for long-term protections and help increase loon populations," Henderson said. Minnesota has about 12,000 loons, the most of any U.S. state except Alaska. Minnesota loons spend their winters in the Gulf of Mexico - and Minnesota-born loons spend their second entire year there before heading north to mate and raise their young.

The settlement still must clear a 30-day public comment period before becoming final. Henderson, who retired from the DNR in early October, said additional rounds of funding could be available in future years until the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service determines Minnesota loons have overcome any problems caused by the oil spill.

### Kuhlman Family Celebrates 40 Years Visiting the Lakeland (By Ally Garbe, Pine Cone Press-Citizen, August 14, 2018)

In the 1970s, Grandma Molly and Grandpa Roy started coming to Longville to visit Grandma Molly's brothers that lived here. Eventually, the visiting family outgrew the little house, so they decided to find new lodging at Camp O' My Dreams on Long Lake in 1978. "Back then, there were about 10-12 people coming up. Now there are 40-60 that come and go throughout the week," a few of the original grandkids remarked. "Most of us are quite close, but some have to travel." Kuhlmans have traveled from other areas of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Washington, Florida and even Hawaii! :A number of family members are service members, so it takes some planning to make it," another grandchild mentioned.

Everyone agrees that coming to Camp O' My Dreams has been a highlight of every summer. Different family members take on dinner each night, which is served between 5 and 6pm. They've enjoyed passing such an incredible tradition on to their children and watching everyone grow over the years. "There's no end in sight." Over the last 40 years, Grandma Molly has enjoyed watching the kids play on the lake. "We never have really left the resort once we're here," she commented. "The kids would jump off the dock, waterski, boat, swim and simply be on the lake. We loved being at the beach and beautiful lake. The kids lived for it."

Kuhlmans lost Grandpa Roy about five years ago, but his presence is still clearly in everyone's spirits. Grandpa Roy was into the simple life; after serving in WWII, he came home to marry his sweetheart Molly and find his place farming. "It took about four hours to get here if we didn't stop," Grandma Molly said. "Roy bought a boat for the lake, but he never bought anything like that to have at home." Grandma claims to have never encountered poor weather during their visits. Now, the Kuhlmans continue to spend most of their time at the lake together going out on the boat, waterskiing, jet skiing, playing corn hole and volleyball and swimming.

Danita Poremba, manager and caretaker of Camp O' My Dreams, has loved watching the Kuhlman family grow and change. "They've invited me for dinner a lot," Poremba commented. Although the cabins have changed over time, connections and memories only have room to grow. The Kuhlmans vacation on the same week every year, so everyone knows when it's time to head north. "We love seeing each other, and I love spending time with the grandkids. This makes everyone closer," Grandma Molly said with a smile.

**Winter fun...or not**

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Just a note: The words may be horizontal, vertical or diagonal; and I didn't include the answers, so I know no one will be tempted to peek.

Good luck!

**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 problem arises when people leave the bags on their way home from the lake on Sundays, then the critters come and scatter the trash...and then some very kind residents end up cleaning up the mess (City Sanitary is not responsible for anything but picking up the bags).

The bags were never meant to be placed out on any intersections of 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 your address and they will pick them up on Mondays. 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. I was told there have been no issues with the cans being left out during the week. 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 take care of it after we've left for home.

(The red bags can be purchased at the One Stop for \$5.49 each.)



## The Long Lake Foiling Crew Does It Again!

(Article & photos contributed by Jay Schock)

The Long Lake Foilers would like to thank all that came out to watch our competition/show last July. We had a great turnout and enjoyed showing off to a big crowd. Final tally was around 80 spectators on shore, 26 boats and pontoons and a few paddleboards and wave runners scattered about. We switched things up a bit last year. Each participant was allowed two runs up and back, and a maximum of four tricks (or two falls) for the big air contest. We were also running a second boat in between competitors for a fun run where we could throw some extra crowd pleasers (double attempts, spins, etc.). These are typically tricks that we are pretty confident we won't land, but most spectators like to watch the wipeouts even more than the ride-aways. Our saying is "Everyone loves carnage." Our goal was to put on more of a show this year and have less downtime in between the high-flying action. We welcome any input or advice on how we could improve the viewing experience.



Jay Schock - wake backroll



Harrison Keyes - wake front flip "pointer"



John Getz - wake backroll

We would also like to give a shout-out to everyone for using the buoys we put out. Our intention was to provide a safe lane for spectators to navigate past the point to the observation area and it was very effective. Thanks to all on the lake for putting up with the extra boat traffic for the weekend. We had attendees at our event from all over the country including, but not limited, to Wisconsin, Illinois, Colorado, California, Arizona and Georgia. Planning for this year's event is already in the works. Bigger and better!



MJ Buckley - wake front flip

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**2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS**

Saturday, June 8th @ 10:00 am  
 Saturday, July 13th @ 10:00 am  
 Saturday, August 10th @ 9:30 am \*\*  
 Saturday, September 14th @ 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.  
 All property owners are always welcome to attend.



**RECYCLE**

**REDUCE**

**REUSE**

**2018 BOAT PARADE!!**

Last summer, we had a record number of boats participating in the 4th of July parade - 60! From our dock, we could hear music and watch people dancing (?)! Everyone looked like they were having a great time.

(One note: PLEASE don't throw water balloons to or from boats, people have been hit with them...and they hurt! Also, the balloons can kill loons and fish that ingest them.

**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 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](mailto: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 2019 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](mailto:meg@msiresults.com).