



2026 April Newsletter

Join the LLAA Board: Help Shape the Future of Long Lake!

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Election Timeline 2026

April 10: Nominations for Neighborhoods 1,3,& 5 and 1 at large member are open.

May 15: Nominations closed

May 25: Ballots emailed to head of household

July 4: Voting ends

July 9: Results announced at Summer Social.



As we prepare for our upcoming Annual Meeting and the election of our Board of Directors, the Election Committee has received several questions about what it really means to serve on the LLAA Board.

While our full [Bylaws](#) are available on the website, we know they can be a bit technical. To make things easier, here is a quick summary of what you can expect when you step up to lead.

What is the Time Commitment?

Service on the board is designed to be manageable for busy neighbors. On average, you can expect a minimum commitment of about 25-30 hours per year, depending on your role. (Board officers spend more time, likely a minimum of 80 hours per year.) The minimum commitment includes:

- **Attendance at Regular Meetings:** Held via Zoom every other month and prep time to review materials beforehand.
- **Attendance at the Annual Meeting:** Our key in-person gathering in July (with remote options available if necessary).

- **Committee Contributions:** As a Director or Alternate you are expected to participate in at least one committee of your choice either as a board liaison, committee chair, or committee member. Check out our [committees](#) and find something that addresses your passion!
- **Neighborhood Liaison:** Act as a bridge between the board and your specific neighborhood's members to ensure everyone's voice is heard. Also, help welcome new LLAA members and reach out to non-members in your neighborhood to grow our community.

Note: Alternate Directors are expected to attend all meetings. While each neighborhood holds one vote, Alternates and Directors often confer on important decisions and have equal voices in the board's discussions—including goals, programming, and education, to name a few.

How to Apply

If you're ready to get involved, we want to hear from you! To be placed on the election ballot, please submit a short bio and a photo to office@longlakeliving.org **no later than May 15th** .

Upcoming LLAA Board Meetings: Thursday, May 28th and Monday, July 13th. If you are interested in attending a meeting, please email us.

Fund the Fish: Keep Long Lake's Walleye Thriving

Contributing to the LLAA Foundation also Supports Walleye Fishing

by Todd Hoffman, LLAA Director, Neighborhood 4

You may have noticed that walleye fishing has slowed down on Long Lake over the last several years. In 2016, the amount of walleye being stocked in Long Lake by the DNR was cut in half, to align with new statewide stocking policies.



In 2024, after 3 years of negotiations with the DNR, the LLAA received special permission to purchase and stock additional walleye and perch for the lake. In 2024, an additional 2,880 walleye were purchased and stocked along with 1,250 perch for a total cost of about \$6,000.

Natural walleye reproduction in Long Lake is very minimal; stocking is the only way to maintain our fishery. Long Lake has the capacity to support more walleyes than are presently in the lake and we know that many fingerlings need to be stocked to yield modest numbers of them surviving to become adults. That is why we are stocking additional walleye.

For 2026, the LLAA has permission to purchase and stock additional walleye (240 pounds) and perch, but we need your support!

In addition to monitoring and combating aquatic invasive species (AIS), conducting oxygenation studies, maintaining the CD3 boat cleaning station and many other activities, contributing to the LLAA Foundation helps maintain our fisheries! Please use the link below to help stock our lake!

Please consider a tax-deductible donation to the LLAA Foundation. Your support makes the work described in this newsletter possible.

- **Donate Online:** [Click Here to Donate](#)
- **Mail a Check:** Payable to: [LLAA Foundation](#), PO Box 808, Park Rapids, MN 56470.

Volunteer Spotlight

Volunteer Spotlight: Keith Manlove

Volunteers are the life-blood of the LLAA's and its Foundation's efforts toward creating a vibrant lake community and promoting lake stewardship.

This month our Spotlight is on Keith Manlove.

Growing up on a dairy farm at the south end of Long Lake, Keith Manlove spent summers swimming and fishing “down at the dam” and winters skating and snowmobiling all over the ice-covered lake. And his Long Lake story continues today as a valued volunteer with the Long Lake Area Association.



Along with the love-of-his-life Diane, his wife of 41 years, they became Long Lake property owners in 1991. The Rochester couple raised their two grown children, Logan and Claire, to love the lake as much as they do.

Serving as a past two-term LLAA Board Member representing Neighborhood 2, Manlove first joined the Association some 35 years ago supporting its lake stewardship efforts and other community-wide events.

However, Manlove's most recent efforts have centered on helping Long Lake property owners create and maintain “more lake-friendly,” lot vegetation. Fully trained as a Master Gardener since 2020, he is always willing to provide tips to other lake residents on buffer strips, rain gardens, pruning, deer-resistant and native plants, and much more. Additionally, Manlove is an Aquatic Invasive Species Inspector.

According to LLAA President Caren Martin, "Keith is an amazing leader and team member! I learned quickly what a great thinker he is, always coming up with innovative ideas and making them successful, during his role as our LLAA Vice President."

Moreover, Martin explained how he chaired the LLAA's 2025 Summer Annual Meeting committee, which transformed the yearly event into our Summer Social last July at Timberlane Lodge, ultimately hosting some 200 lake residents and their families.

Martin added, "Many thanks to Keith for his enthusiasm and dedication!"

Volunteer Opportunities

LLAA is an all volunteer organization.

It runs only with your help. Will 2026 be the year that you and your family volunteer to help Long Lake?

Check out all the ways you could help on this page of our website:
www.longlakeliving.org/join-us/volunteer/



■ **Communication Committee:** Do you have an idea for an article for upcoming newsletters? Email your ideas, rough drafts etc. to office@longlakeliving.org. We can always use people to proofread our website, articles etc.

■ **Community Committee** needs volunteers to help plan and set up for the Annual Flotilla on July 4th and the Summer Social/ Annual meeting on July 9th. Planning is already underway to make it even more exciting than last year! Join the group.

- **Environmental Stewardship Committee** can use more aquatic invasive species (AIS) Monitors. Learn how to identify AIS and help us look during the summer for AIS in shoreline waters. It's another excuse to spend more time in your watercraft on the lake! Registration is now open..Use the link below.

[Learn How to Be an AIS Detector](#) The AIS Detectors Core Course is the class for you! During this course you can expect to learn some basic aquatic ecology, how to identify high priority invasive species for Minnesota, impacts AIS can have on the environment, how to report AIS sightings, Minnesota AIS regulations, and how to search for AIS on your own.

Email us at volunteer@longlakeliving.org and tell us how you can help the LLAA



Help Keep Long Lake Clean!

- Volunteers Needed -

Annual Spring Road Clean Up

- Show your love for Long Lake!
- Help pick up trash on Cty. Road 20
- When: Sat., May 16, 2 p.m.
- Where: 130th Street (Hayes Beach Road), near Hwy 87 and Cty 20 intersection

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Questions? Contact Jaimie at volunteer@longlakeliving.org

Highway 20 Clean up

May 16, 2026

2 PM

When and Where: We host two major cleanups annually, one in the spring and one in the fall. For our upcoming event, we'll be gathering on 130th Street (also known as Hayes Beach Road), near the intersection of Highway 87 and County 20. This is where you'll receive your supplies and instructions. Please check our website or for more details: Link is [here](#).

Missed a Newsletter, or want to read it again?

Follow this [link to see a list the last 12 newsletters](#)

Please forward this newsletter to others who are interested in Long Lake. Encourage people to contact us to get on the email list!



Lake Steward Spotlight: Mae and Stephen Tinguely

By Sharon Natzel, Lake Steward Program Coordinator

The Long Lake Area Association is proud to highlight **Mae and Stephen Tinguely** (Bay View Drive) as part of our ongoing Lake Steward programs. Their journey in Long Lake's Stewardship Program began in August 2024, after Mae Tinguely was inspired by listening to the MPR "[Trouble by the Water](#)" series. She completed the Minnesota Lakes & Rivers "[Are You a Lake Steward](#)" Quiz. A site visit was arranged with our LLAA lake-friendly gardeners.

Stewardship: A Multi-Season Journey

Stewardship is an ongoing process. Following an initial AIS and aquatic plant check in autumn 2024, we completed the Tinguelys' shoreland evaluation in May 2025. To showcase this transformation, we are creating a **4-season photo series** of the property. This educational tool will help members visualize how a Lake Steward's shoreline transitions from spring buds to full summer buffers and autumn dormancy.

Features of the Tinguely Shoreland

The Tinguely property is a fantastic example of balancing family fun with lake protection:

- **Active Zones vs. Wild Zones:** While they maintain lawn areas for family croquet and soccer, the rest of the property is dedicated to vegetated borders and diverse gardens (including hostas, vegetables, and herbs).
- **Protecting the "Fragile" Slope:** Recognizing that their steep, sandy shoreline is vulnerable to erosion, the Tinguelys strictly prohibit foot traffic in the shoreland zone—even for the family dog!
- **Smart Dock Storage:** All dock sections are carried to an upland area for winter stacking. Nothing is stored in the sensitive shoreland zone.
- **Native Encouragement:** Native plants found growing among the pathways and gardens are encouraged to stay, providing deep roots to hold the soil.
- **Responsible Boating:** They use "sea-legs" for their pontoon and do not travel to other lakes, significantly reducing the risk of transporting AIS.

Overcoming Challenges: The Riprap Buffer

Protecting a shoreline from wave action is a constant learning process. Years ago, the Tinguelys worked with the late Steve Hall to try coir logs, but the heavy waves prevented vegetation from establishing. They eventually pivoted to a riprap solution to prevent erosion. Today, they continue to work on establishing vegetation (like dogwood) within the riprap. Their official sign will be provided through our partner with the **Hubbard County Soil and Water Conservation District (HCSWCD)**. To view the full report with pictures of Mae and Stephen's property go to the [Lake Steward's page](#).

Lake Stewardship Recognition by LLAA: The Tinguely's official "Lake Steward" dock sign featuring the Loon was awarded in mid August 2025 by our LLAA lake-friendly gardener team. The Long Lake Stewardship Program collaborates with the Hubbard County Soil and Water Conservation District (HCSWCD) in protecting water quality.



If you are inspired by Mae and Stephen's work, you can start planning your landscape and gardening projects now.

Tree, shrub, plant plugs, and seeds are now available at local businesses. Advice is available from Long Lake's own Master Gardener, Keith Manlove.

Rain garden to slow water run off from the road to the lake.



2026 UPCOMING EVENTS	
MAY 16 2 PM	Cty. Road 20 Cleanup
JULY 4 4 PM	Annual Flotilla Boat staging time & locations TBD
JULY 9 11:00 AM	Golf Tourney Bear's Den Golf Course (Timberlane Resort)
★ JULY 9 3-6 PM	★ Summer Social & Annual Mtg. Timberlane Resort Lodge on Long Lake

More details to follow!