



2026 May LLAA Newsletter

Community Building Opportunity: Annual Spring Road Clean Up

Help keep our community beautiful!
Join us for the **Highway 20 Annual Spring Road Cleanup**
on **May 16 at 2:00 PM.**



**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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May 16
2 p.m.

Questions? Contact Jaimie at
volunteer@longlakeliving.org

To participate, please email volunteer@longlakeliving.org to let us know you'll be joining. If you are unable to help on that specific day but still wish to contribute, please reach out anyway—there are plenty of areas that need attention, and we can help coordinate a time that works for you.

Last Call for Board Nominations

In June we hold elections for Neighborhoods 1, 3, 5 and one of the "at large" board members. Can you see yourself on the Board? We Can! [Learn more about being a board member.](#)

Nominations for the open board positions will close on May 15. All nominations must be LLAA members and be current in dues. All nominees need to submit a short bio and a photo.

May 25: Ballots will be mailed out. Each household has a designated voter. Ballots will be emailed to that person. Ballots will include nominees from the specific neighborhood of the voter. One vote per property only.

July 4: Voting ends.

Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions.

Mae Tinguely Director Neighborhood 3 and Elections Committee Chair 701-238-1764 or email: maetinguely@yahoo.com or both

2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 16
2 PM

Cty. Road 20 Cleanup

Meet at 130th Street (Hayes Beach Road), near Hwy 87 and Cty 20 intersection

JULY 4
3:45 PM
(gather at start location)

Annual Flotilla

Meet at South Long Lake stumps at 3:45 pm.
Begin Flotilla at 4 pm.

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!

It's Official!
Long Lake is Ice Free

Historical
Ice Data



2026 Ice-Out Date:
April 21

Historical
Ice Data



Jona Seifert and Carol & Dave Peterson all guessed the exact date. Congratulations! You all get bragging rights this year.

A random drawing of the 32 people who entered the contest will be announced at the summer social/ annual meeting on July 9th.

We will be updating the ice charts etc. on the website as soon as Katie Hoffman gets done doing the math. All the ice data information from 1987 on is [on our website](#).

Notes from the Treasurer: Jim Seifert

Dues and Donations are not the same.

Long Lake Area Association Dues

When you contribute to the Long Lake Area Association, your **\$50.00 annual payment** is processed as membership dues. We credit the payment to the individual who issues it—usually the first name appearing on a joint check. Please be aware that these payments are **not tax-deductible**. This is due to the Association's active role in environmental and political lobbying, a type of advocacy that precludes tax-deductible status under current regulations.

To ensure the correct individual receives membership credit for a dues payment, please follow these guidelines:

- **Payments by Check:** Credit is automatically assigned to the first name listed on the check. If you prefer the credit go to the second person (e.g., Wilma instead of Fred on a joint check), please either:
 1. **Scratch out** the name of the person who should not receive credit.
 2. **Attach a brief note** specifying which individual should be credited.
- **Online Payments:** When paying online, simply enter the first and last name of the specific individual you wish to receive the membership credit in the "Donor" field.

While the Association encourages broad participation—often seeing multi-generational families “gift” memberships to children or grandchildren to maintain their connection to the lake—it is important to note the distinction regarding voting rights. Multiple individuals from a single property are welcome to become members; however, voting in elections and other Association business is limited to one person per property. To ensure clarity during official proceedings, we generally designate one specific individual from each household to serve as the official voting member.

Supporting the Long Lake Area Foundation

The Foundation serves as the philanthropic arm of the Association, and we welcome contributions from members and non-members alike. Unlike Association dues, all donations made directly to the Foundation are tax-deductible.

Important Note on Separate Payments.

Please note that the Association and the Foundation are distinct non-profit entities. Because they are separate organizations, we are unable to transfer funds between them. If you are paying your annual dues and making a Foundation donation at the same time, please ensure you issue separate payments for each organization rather than combining them into a single check or transaction.

Donations via Donor-Advised Funds or Private Foundations

We occasionally receive contributions from Donor-Advised Funds (DAFs) or private foundations that do not include the donor's contact information. If you choose to give through one of these vehicles, please send a brief email to Office@longlakeliving.org. Include the name of the fund or foundation, the donation amount, and the name of the individual(s) you would like us to recognize for the gift so we can properly acknowledge your generosity.



Signs of spring: Lilac buds are popping, Ice is gone, and Rhubarb is sprouting. |

Help Protect Long 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.

Learn about your LLAA Board of Directors on this website page:

www.longlakeliving.org/p/board-member.html

Learn about your LLAA Foundation Board of Directors on this website page:

www.longlakeliving.org/long-lake-area-association-foundation-llaaf/board-of-directors/

Volunteers are the life-blood of the LLAA's and its Foundation's efforts toward creating a vibrant lake community and promoting lake stewardship. Building and maintaining a strong financial foothold to promote and support that stewardship is key to our mission.



This month our Spotlight is on Charlie Garr. Thanks for all your hard work Charlie!

Making memories on Long Lake started around 1969 for thirteen year old Charlie Garr. A joint venture between his family and four others landed them on the southwest part of the lake (Neighborhood 4), where fishing quickly became a “way of life.” Charlie, a native Minnesotan, enjoyed life on the lake. He developed an early and lasting interest in the health of the lake. That concern led him to advocate with the MN Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for an increase in Long Lake walleye stocking, as well as to facilitate the addition of an artificial nesting platform (ANP) to help grow the number of nesting loon pairs.

“Walleye fishing in Long Lake slowed down in the early 2020’s,” Charlie explained. “And I became impatient with that,” This walleye “shortage” prompted him to start a fisheries team with the Long Lake Area Association (LLAA) to address the

decline. “The LLAA needs to advocate for the lake and nurture a relationship with the DNR,” Charlie said, “otherwise, Long (Lake) will only get generic lake management from the DNR.”

According to LLAA Director (Neighborhood 4) Todd Hoffman, “Charlie is extremely knowledgeable about our Long Lake Fisheries. Using his knowledge and extensive research, Charlie has worked for several years with the DNR to improve our walleye fishing. We are lucky to have him,” Todd added, “and he is primarily responsible for getting the LLAA permission from the DNR to purchase and stock more walleye.”

For more information on fish-stocking practices on Long Lake, [visit our website Fisheries' page](#).

Additionally, Charlie facilitates a loon Artificial Nesting Platform (ANP) that has been used successfully each spring for 11 years. Since 2022, he has also part of a team that has conducted monthly DNR LoonWatcher surveys, recording the following August counts:

- 2023: 13 adults, 3 juveniles
- 2024: 12 adults, 4 juveniles
- 2025: 14 adults, 6 juveniles

Charlie credits these nesting platforms as a major factor in the lake's growing loon population.

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

- **Communication Committee** needs 1 or 2 people who can work with our Facebook pages. The main job would be to monitor the pages and share posts of interest to our Long Lake residents.
- **Community Committee** needs volunteers to help plan and set up for the Summer Social/ Annual meeting in July. **Planning is already underway to make it even more exciting than last year!**
- **Lake Stewardship Committee** can use more Aquatic Invasive Species(AIS) Monitors. Learn how to identify AIS and help with the lake meander this summer. **It's another excuse to spend more time on the lake!**



Last summer **Barbara Tam Curtis (Neighborhood # 1)** was recognized as a lake steward. She has been coming to Long Lake with her family since 1928, as she shared in an article in our Long Lake History. ([Read the article on our History page](#)) Barbara reflects on what influenced her lake stewardship.

It was in 1962 that Rachel Carson, a biologist, published her book ***Silent Spring***. She warned of the dangers and widespread misuse of pesticides and their effects on nature. When asked why she wrote the book, she responded by saying no one else had written about it. It was of historic significance, leading to the formation of the Environmental Protection Agency just eight years later.



The vegetated shoreline with trees and bushes protect against erosion.

Mr. Michael Sims, a writer and environmentalist, wrote an article in the *New York Times*, “Spring Awakening – Rachel Carson, the power of wonder, and me,” on June 10, 2022, the 60th anniversary of Carson’s last work, *Silent Spring*. He explained that as a teenager, hungry for a sense of natural connection with the planet, he discovered Rachel Carson’s writing at the public library. In her book *The Edge of the Sea*, he read, “So the present is linked with past and future and each living thing with all that surrounds it.” Carson also

expressed that “biology means the study of life.”

Barbara shares that what we do can affect areas many miles downstream, and what we do along our shoreline can affect the quality of life for many.

Lake Stewardship: Gardening Lake Friendly Event

Hello Lake Neighbors,

Are you curious about what it means to be a good lake steward? Are you interested in learning about practical steps you can take to minimize your impact on the water quality? Would you like to be recognized as an official Lake Steward? Have I got an opportunity for you, a Zoom Meeting!!!

Here is the Zoom Invitation for the upcoming Lake Stewardship - Gardening Lake Friendly Event on Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 7 PM



Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/fzMiEPDpSwmR-cikKoqvYQ>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

The meeting will focus on the importance of being a responsible lake steward. Our lake is a cherished resource, providing beauty, recreation, and habitat for wildlife. Maintaining its health and quality requires awareness and action from all of us.

A key topic of discussion will be the impact of stormwater runoff on water quality. Stormwater carries nutrients, sediments, and pollutants into the lake, which can contribute to algae blooms, decreased clarity, and harm to aquatic life. By understanding and minimizing runoff, we can help ensure that our lake remains clean, safe, and vibrant for future generations. Please join us to learn, share ideas, and take part in a community effort to preserve this precious resource.

I hope you can join us on the 14th

Keith Manlove, LLAA Volunteer, Master Gardener

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- **Email us at volunteer@longlakeliving.org and tell us how you can help the LLAA.**
 - **Missed a Newsletter, or want to read it again? Follow this [link to see a list of the last 12 newsletters](#) . Please help us communicate to more of our members and their families by forwarding this newsletter to others.**

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Two Long Lake Facebook Options

★ Follow both to stay informed & engaged! ★

Facebook Page: Long Lake Living	Facebook Group: Long Lake Leisure
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Official Long Lake Area Association (LLAA) Facebook page• Open to everyone• Managed by the LLAA communications team• Content<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Announcements, events & updates◦ Lake stewardship & AIS prevention◦ Membership information & ways to get involved• Follow this page for official updates & information about Long Lake.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Private community group• Open to those connected to the lake• Member-driven posts & discussions• Content:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Photos, questions & everyday lake life◦ Wildlife, weather, fishing & local happenings◦ Community conversations & recommendations◦ For official updates & announcements, Follow the LLAA Facebook Page.

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