



2026 June LLA Association Newsletter

Community Building: Watch our Facebook pages and newsletter for multiple opportunities over the summer.

LLAA Board of Director Nominations are now closed.

The ballots were emailed to the designated voter in each household on **May 25, 2026**. [If your household did not receive a ballot, please email office@longlakeliving.org with your property address and name.](mailto:office@longlakeliving.org) All ballots must be received by **Jul 4, 2026** to be counted. Results will be released at the **Summer Social on July 9th**. (keep scrolling for all the details)

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

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

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

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

A graphic titled '2026 UPCOMING EVENTS' with a blue background and white stars. The text '2026' is in large white font, and 'UPCOMING EVENTS' is in white text inside a green rounded rectangle. Below are three event cards. The first card is for 'Annual Flotilla' on July 4 at 3:45 PM, with a green background and white text. The second card is for 'Golf Tourney' on July 9 at 11:00 AM, with a green background and white text. The third card is for 'Summer Social & Annual Mtg.' on July 9 from 3-6 PM, with an orange background and white text, and is flanked by two white stars. At the bottom, a green banner contains the text 'Check the Events page on longlakeliving.org for more details!' in white.

Upcoming Events for July

HCCOLA Sponsors the 2nd Street Stage “Social Hour” on Thurs, June 11th

Hubbard County Coalition of Lake Associations (HCCOLA) invites the LLAA members to join them during “Social Hour” 5 PM to 6 PM before the 2nd Street Stage Concert in Downtown Park Rapids. Wear your lake association attire. Please find them near Pioneer Park and the Beer Garden (wine/beverages too).



LLAA 4th of July Annual Flotilla!

Please note:

If inclement weather (high winds, rain, or thunderstorms) is forecast at **3:00 pm on July 4th, the Flotilla will be canceled.**

Participants are encouraged to *review boating rules and regulations* in the [DNR 2024 Minnesota Boating Guide](#).

Long Lake Area Association (LLAA)

Summer Social & Annual Meeting

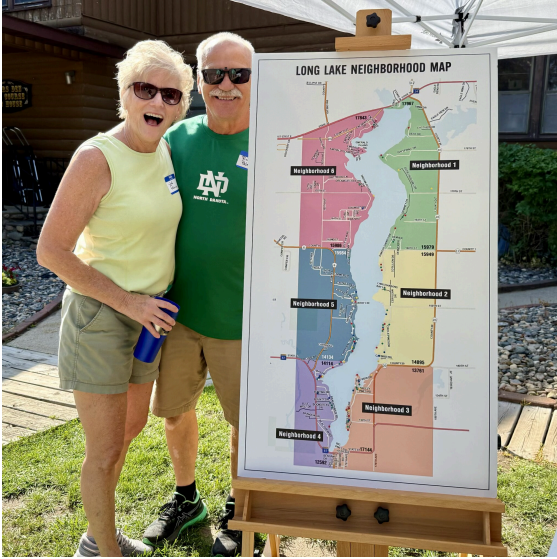


Thurs., July 9 | 3-6 pm | Timberlane Resort on Long Lake

Open House Format
Socialize | Learn | Have Some Fun!

Details on longlakeliving.org

Details for the Summer Social / Annual Meeting gathering: [Check out the webpage for complete details and updates](#)



Plan to Join Us!

We hope to see you at this year's Summer Social & Annual Meeting.

- No registration required
- Come anytime between 3:00–6:00 p.m.
- Open to all Long Lake residents and friends

Lead Tackle Collection

Bring unwanted lead tackle for safe disposal to help protect Minnesota loons and wildlife.

Optional Well Water Sample Drop-Off

Hubbard SWCD will accept private well water samples for nitrate testing during the event.

To participate: Let the faucet run for a few minutes, collect about 1 cup of water in a clean container. Refrigeration is not required. If you have a reverse osmosis system, collect samples both before and after the system.

More information: [can be found on the SWCD's website link.](#)

What You'll Find at the Summer Social

- Food truck and ice cream truck
- Cornhole tournament
- LLAA shirts and merchandise
- Lake and shoreline information
- Meet local lake experts and partner organizations
- Connect with neighbors and LLAA board members
- Learn about AIS prevention, fishing, water quality, shoreline protection, and more

Representatives are expected from:

- DNR Fisheries
- Hubbard County Environmental Services
- Hubbard County Sheriff's Office Water Patrol
- Hubbard County Soil Water Conservation District (SWCD)
- Master Gardeners

Golf Tourney Added to This Summer's Schedule!

Mark Your Calendars, Golfers!

Long Lake Area Association Golf Tourney



[Details on longlakeliving.org](http://longlakeliving.org)

When: Thurs., July 9, 2026

- 11:00 a.m. - meet at clubhouse / pay fee
- 11:30 a.m. - begin tourney play
- 2:00 p.m. - enjoy food truck offerings
- 3:30 p.m. - hear prize announcements
- *NOTE: Join the Summer Social/Annual Meeting at the clubhouse (3 -6 p.m.) after tourney!*

Where: Bear's Den Golf Course, Timberlane Resort on Long Lake

Format/Players/Costs:

- Format: 9-hole, 2-person best-ball scramble
- Cost: \$48/person (green fee & cart)
- # of Players: 20 teams of 2

Registration & Questions:

- Register early to secure a spot!
- Email Mick at msphawkeye@comcast.net.
- Include player names, email addresses & team name.

Sign Up Soon!

Exciting news, golfers! A 9-hole golf tourney will be held this summer *PRIOR TO* our lake association's Summer Social / Annual Meeting on July 9. Golfers will enjoy 9-holes of golf at Bear's Den Golf Course at Timberlane Resort (on Long Lake) and then join the festivities at the LLAA Summer Social / Annual meeting afterward.

Be sure to enjoy the food truck offerings, grab a beverage from the clubhouse, socialize with lake friends and check out the booths!

Prizes:

- Grand Prize for Lowest Score
- Closest to the pin on par 3's
- Longest Drive
- Longest Putt

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- Include player names, email addresses & team name.
- Access tourney flyer <[here](#)> and rules <[here](#)>

Join the fun!

Wake Surfing Position Statement from Minnesota Coalition of Lake Associations

MNCOLA Minnesota Coalition of Lake Associations (MN COLA) recognizes that wake surfing activities are fun water sports. Yet, if done where inappropriate, it/they can impact water quality, fishing, and threaten personal safety. Our goal is to keep Minnesota's public waters healthy, safe, and available for all. To that end [MN COLA has developed a position statement on enhanced wake activities](#).



Position Statement – Enhanced Wake Activities We support best practices for watercraft users, uses, and enhanced wake activities as prescribed in the Minnesota Watercraft Operator's Permit.

These best practices address approaches:

- for the personal safety of other water users
- to avoid conflict on the water
- to reduce shoreline erosion and the resultant water quality degradation
- to minimize lakebed disruption to plants and fish spawning beds, and the resuspension of embedded materials.

We support regulations for watercraft uses and wave actions intended to minimize the negative effects of enhanced wake activities based on research from the St. Anthony Falls Laboratory at the University of Minnesota.

- A minimum depth of 20 feet to minimize subsurface ecological impact, combined with
- A minimum distance from shore of 500 feet; however, at least 575 feet from shore is recommended to reduce the wave energy impact on shorelines to a level like non-enhanced wake watercraft. (For reference, a football field is 300 feet)

We support an increase in funding to better address water patrol services and enforcement of enhanced wake regulations.

We support the use of readily available location technology for enhanced wake boat operators to locate the safe surfing zone as defined by water depth and distance from shore combined.

E-Foiling: A Lake-Friendly Alternative to Wake Surfing

As summer arrives on Long Lake, waterfront owners are growing increasingly concerned about the environmental impact of heavy wake sports. While wake surfing has surged in popularity, its massive, artificial waves—often amplified by thousands of pounds of boat ballast—are causing severe shoreline erosion, destroying critical shallow-water fish habitats, and disrupting nesting loons with high noise levels.



Several families have discovered a new technology that offers a thrilling alternative that completely removes the impact: **electric hydrofoil surfboards, or e-foils**. Given the findings from the University of Minnesota Research into the wake effects and the MNCOLA statement above, an electric hydrofoil might not only add to our lake fun but help protect our environment too.

Wake Surfing Boats have massive, erosive wakes with 80-90 dB noise levels, burn 8-15 gallon/hour and require a crew for the boat. An Electric Hydrofoil has virtually zero wake, is whisper-quiet at less than 40 dB, has an eco-friendly battery, plus is an independent sport.

Use this link to [watch the video of Will Viner riding his E-Foil last summer](#).

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.

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. 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.

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.

May 28, 2026 Loon Count from Jim Seifert:



We just finished the first loon count of the season. We Identified 3 Loons in the first two bays of the lake. We think that one of the loons is carrying a chick. We know there are at least 4 loons in the first two bays but one of them was still in bed when we were doing our count at 7:00 am.

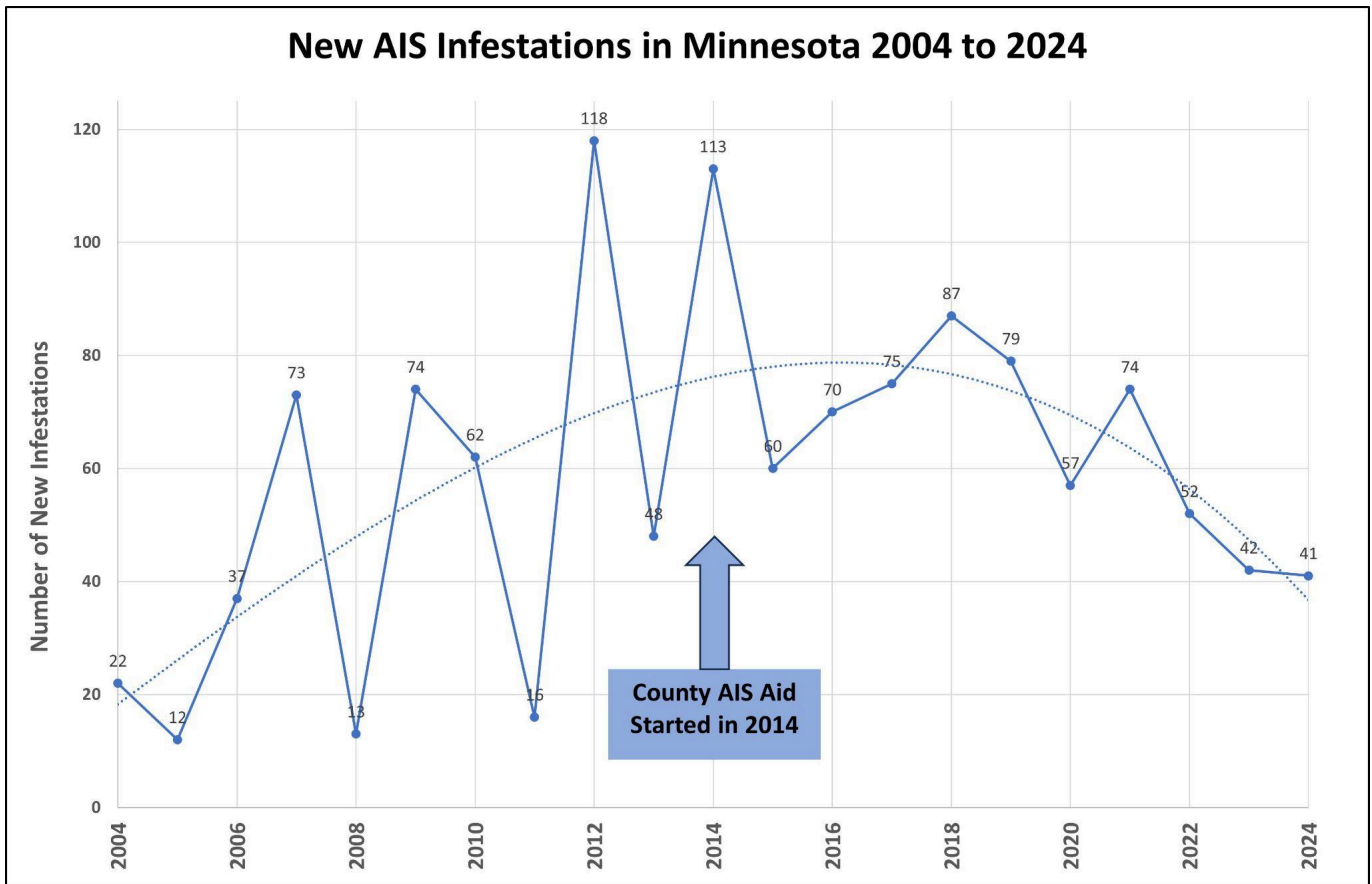
COLA Efforts Contribute to Local Tourism

(This article was printed in the Park Rapids Enterprise on **Mar 14, 2026**)

By Sharon Natzel

As we look forward to open water and all the varied recreational options in our lakes area, it's a good time to share that our collective efforts in the past have made a difference.

Together, our educational outreach and actions have helped bend the “new Aquatic Invasive Species infestations” curve downward in Minnesota, as depicted by the accompanying graphic by Steve Henry, AIS Lake Technician for Cass County. The chart (below) shows new AIS infestations on the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Infested Waters List between 2004 to 2024. That downward trend coincides with the introduction of the state of Minnesota’s “AIS Prevention Aid” to counties which began in 2014. ([Read the whole article here](#))



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 people who can contribute pictures, videos etc to our Facebook pages. These pages help to build our community.
- **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** needs aquatic invasive species (AIS) Monitors. Learn how to identify AIS to help Long Lake and the DNR's tracking. Also, Loon Monitors are needed. *Both are great excuses to spend more time on the lake!*
- **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.**

[Unsubscribe](#)

Two Long Lake Facebook Options

★ Follow both to stay informed & engaged! ★

Facebook Page: Long Lake Living

- Official Long Lake Area Association (LLAA) Facebook page
- Open to everyone
- Managed by the LLAA communications team
- Content
 - Announcements, events & updates
 - Lake stewardship & AIS prevention
 - Membership information & ways to get involved
- Follow this page for official updates & information about Long Lake.

Scan for LLAA Facebook Page



Facebook Group: Long Lake Leisure

- Private community group
- Open to those connected to the lake
- Member-driven posts & discussions
- Content:
 - Photos, questions & everyday lake life
 - Wildlife, weather, fishing & local happenings
 - Community conversations & recommendations
- For official updates & announcements, Follow the LLAA Facebook Page.



Scan for Long Lake Leisure Facebook Page