

LONG LAKE IMPROVEMENT &  
SANITATION ASSOCIATION

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*Improving the Quality and  
Beauty of Long Lake*

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**Long Lake Improvement  
& Sanitation Association  
2015 Newsletter  
Annual Meeting:  
Friday, May 8, 2015; 7 pm  
Jerry's Parkway by the Lake**



Long Lake Improvement & Sanitation Association

# LLISA NEWS

April 2015

## Letter From the President



Dear Long Lake Community,

After five long months of cold, snow, and thick ice I am really looking forward to summertime on Long Lake. As the warm weather returns it is important to remind everyone that the Long Lake Improvement and Sanitation Association (LLISA) is a locally operated, volunteer organization that relies on the support of its membership. Your commitment as a dues paying and **active member**, is important to the long term health and viability of our lake.

We have many hard working individuals on the LLISA Board of Directors, but there is much more to be done and numerous opportunities to get involved. Please consider volunteering your time to support Long Lake, a resource important to the environmental, recreational, financial and personal well-being of our entire community.

For those new to the area, one of LLISA's primary responsibilities is the operation and maintenance of the Long Lake Dam, sluice gate, and hoist on Squaw Creek. These structures allow us to maintain and regulate our current lake levels and they allow our residents access to the Chain O' Lakes, both of which support recreational opportunities and help maintain home values.

Maintenance of the dam structures comes at considerable cost. The sluice gate at the Long Lake Dam was replaced last summer; a project funded solely by our members and community sponsors (see the Treasurer's report in this newsletter for details). The sluice gate allows us to regulate water levels especially after heavy rains and flood situations. The old gate was over 40 years old, rusted to the point of disintegration, and in danger of complete failure. The entire gate was replaced with a brand new stainless steel mechanism.

It is important to again thank our generous members and donors to the sluice gate project. Please look for the commemorative plaque to be installed this summer. And again, if you are interested in helping with this or any other LLISA project please contact any of our board members for information on how you can contribute.

Sincerely,

RJ Ringa

LLISA President

## NO WAKE BUOYS

Each year, LLISA volunteers install and retrieve no wake buoys near the marsh on the southeast end of the lake and at the mouths of Squaw Creek. Erosion is a major concern in these areas and the buoys are meant to limit wave action which accelerates shoreline degradation. Please drive at IDLE speeds only in these areas.

## Fish stocking update

The LLISA annual fish stocking was completed in October 2014. Since our largemouth bass population is established and thriving, we stocked Long Lake with 250 walleye, 43 northern pike, and 20 muskellunge. We chose to stock medium to large size fingerlings because their better survival rates should provide a better fishery within 3 to 5 years. The goal is to strengthen the populations of these large predators to thin out the pan fish which are overpopulated and stunted.

The last few years we have stocked tiger musky which is a hybrid of muskellunge and northern pike. While tiger musky grow more quickly than their muskellunge brothers, the tiger musky is sterile. In 2014, we decided to stock pure muskellunge with hopes of establishing a self-sustaining population.



## Our success depends on our membership

LLISA can only be successful with strong and active membership.

Please speak with your neighbors and explain why LLISA is important to the health of Long Lake. Encourage your friends and neighbors to become members.

There are also many opportunities to volunteer with LLISA. Lift maintenance, buoy installation and retrieval, and event planning and coordination are just a few of the areas where volunteer help is needed.

## Special thanks to Emily Herrmann . . .

Emily Herrmann has decided to step down as the LLISA Secretary. Please join us in extending her a well deserved thanks for her years of service on the LLISA Board of Directors.

Emily's departure leaves a vacancy on the board. Please contact a board member if you are interested in making a contribution toward making Long Lake a better place.

## Venetian Night!

That's right! It's time for Venetian Night again!

Who is the most patriotic Long Laker? It depends on who puts on the best light show.

We'll find out on Saturday, July 4, 2015. We will meet around sundown at the west end of the lake near the mouth of Squaw Creek. We will then parade around the lake while enjoying our own festival of lights.

## 2014 Treasurer's Report

### Revenue

|                           |                |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| Dues                      | \$6,145        |
| Fish Fund Donations       | \$1,055        |
| Dam Fund                  | \$1,645        |
| Key Deposits              | \$60           |
| <b>Total 2014 Revenue</b> | <b>\$8,905</b> |

### Expenses

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| Dam/ Boat Lift Maintenance                | \$1,263         |
| Fish Stocking                             | \$1,200         |
| Insurance & Fees                          | \$3,804         |
| Utilities                                 | \$200           |
| Administrative Expenses                   | \$798           |
| <b>Total 2014 Expenses</b>                | <b>\$7,238</b>  |
| <i>Returned to Dam Fund after Project</i> | <i>\$-9,236</i> |

### Operating Cash Flow Summary

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| Opening Balance                           | \$15,267        |
| Revenue                                   | \$8,905         |
| <b>Operating Cash</b>                     | <b>\$24,172</b> |
| Expenses                                  | \$7,238         |
| <b>Operating Balance</b>                  | <b>\$16,934</b> |
| <i>Returned to Dam Fund after Project</i> | <i>\$9,236</i>  |
| <b>2014 Closing Balance</b>               | <b>\$26,878</b> |

## Sluice Gate Project Summary

### Project Revenue:

|                               |                 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Donations:                    | \$45,232        |
| Withdrawal from Dam Fund:     | \$4,400         |
| Auction Proceeds:             | \$4,585         |
| <b>Total Project Revenue:</b> | <b>\$54,217</b> |

### Project Expenses:

|                                   |                 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Material, Construction & Install: | \$42,010        |
| Permitting & Administrative:      | \$372           |
| Fundraising & Publicity:          | \$2,599         |
| <b>Total Project Expenses:</b>    | <b>\$44,981</b> |

|                                       |                |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Remaining Funds:</b>               | <b>\$9,236</b> |
| <b>Return of Dam Fund Withdrawal:</b> | <b>\$4,400</b> |
| <b>Project Surplus:</b>               | <b>\$4,836</b> |

*To accommodate likely cost overruns, the LLISA Board set the sluice gate fund raising goal \$5,000 higher than the estimated total cost of the project. The Board is proud to point out that there were no cost overruns and the project came in almost exactly on budget. The \$4,836 surplus will be deposited into the dam fund as seed money for future projects. The concrete spillway and the steel superstructure are two areas of concern, but we hope that these projects are many years off.*

### Lift Key Policy

**If your key is turned off due to non-payment, a \$5 re-key fee will be assessed. Turn-around time for re-key is 5 days, so please plan trips accordingly.**

## Remove carp from Long Lake



The common carp is one of the most damaging invasive fish species in Long Lake. It was introduced to U.S. waters in the late 1800's. Its ability to thrive in a variety of water condi-

tions contributed to its spread throughout the country where it crowds out native fish, decreases water clarity, and harms ecosystems' biodiversity.

When carp stir up sediment as they feed, they release harmful phosphorus, decrease water clarity, and destroy fish habitat.

The increased phosphorus promotes algae growth and decreased water clarity has a harmful affect on large predator fish such as pike and musky, which rely largely on sight to capture prey.

The good news is, carp are super fun to catch. A seven foot, medium action spinning rod with 12 pound test will work well. For bait, try canned corn or dough balls. Let the bait sink to the bottom (carp are bottom feeders) and be very still (carp are easily spooked). For extra attraction, try chumming the water with extra corn.

While LLISA encourages catch and release for all other species, carp is an exception. When you catch a carp, **DON'T RETURN IT TO LONG LAKE!**

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# Sluice Gate Project

The new sluice gate was installed last summer and should provide many years of reliable operation. The project was a great success thanks to our member donations. We raised about \$50,000 and thank everyone for their generosity and dedication to maintaining and improving beautiful Long Lake.

A commemorative plaque, generously donated by Ringa Funeral Home, will be installed later this summer. **Please check the spelling of your name closely and inform Mandy ([mandy@llisa.org](mailto:mandy@llisa.org)) or Andrew ([andrew@llisa.org](mailto:andrew@llisa.org)) of any changes.**

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Thanks to all Patron Donors as well!

## Long Lake Yacht Club Open House!

Yacht club. The very words imply exclusivity and stuffiness. It's easy to imagine an over-tanned old man with top-siders, an ascot, and a wife named Buffy. He might call someone "Sport" while chuckling cheekily at his own bad jokes.

Luckily for all of us, Long Lake Yacht Club is a far cry from that nightmarish stereotype. It is a welcoming organization with genuine and fun members who happen to love to sail.

True to its mission to promote amateur sailing on Long Lake, the club is hosting a sailing open house on Saturday, June 13, 2015 and inviting all of you to participate.

If you've ever wanted to experience the joy of sailing, please join us! We will have beverages, snacks, and boat rides for community members interested in learning more about sailing and our club. If time and weather permit, we might even manage a few fun races.

Bring yourselves, your life jackets, and your sense of adventure. Topsiders and ascots optional.

Date: Saturday, June 13, 2015

Raincheck date: June 20, 2015

Time: Late afternoon

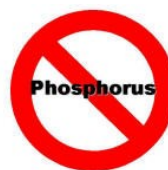
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Time and location details will be posted on [llisa.org](http://llisa.org)

## Phosphorus-Free Fertilizer Only!



In 2015, Long Lake will again participate in Illinois's Volunteer Lakes Monitoring Program (VLMP). LLISA President RJ Ringa will be on the water every other week collecting water samples as well as water quality data.

One of the easiest and most important things YOU can do to improve the Long Lake's water quality is to use phosphorus-free fertilizer. Phosphorus promotes the growth of unwanted aquatic plants and algae. It also leads to low oxygen levels in the water and negatively impacts fish and other marine animals.

When purchasing fertilizer, check the label. All fertilizer labels have three bold numbers. The middle number indicates phosphorus and should always read zero. Help keep Long Lake healthy and remember to leave the phosphorus out.

# 2014 LLISA Members

Thank you for all of your support!

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