

## Annual Member Meeting Postponed

The association board members have decided to postpone our annual member meeting that is normally held on the Saturday of the Memorial Day weekend due to the continued concerns with the coronavirus pandemic. Hopefully, conditions will improve over the summer months that may allow us to conduct a meeting on Labor Day weekend.

## July Fourth Boat Parade & Ice Cream Social

The association board has also decided it is best to cancel the Ice Cream Social, but we will still have the Boat Parade on Saturday, July 4, starting at 1 p.m. However, there will be no judging and prizes. Sorry! Participating boats should meet by the Narrows (Wally's Point) at 1 p.m.

Let's hope we can once again do both the Boat Parade and Ice Cream Social next year.

## New LLA Pontoon Trailer

The Long Lake Association has taken your responses to our survey last year seriously and has purchased a pontoon trailer for use only on Long Lake. It is hoped that having a trailer dedicated only for Long Lake will help reduce the potential for the spread of zebra mussels and other aquatic invasive species into our lake.

We are asking for a \$25 donation to the Long Lake Association for a two hour use of the trailer. In addition, users will need to sign a release of liability form. The trailer will be limited to local travel, dues paying association members, and for use only on Long Lake.

Please contact Mark Michel at 715-281-8953 to schedule a time block.

- The trailer uses a 2-inch ball.
- The trailer is parked on Mark Michel's property next to the boat landing.
- The trailer is chained to a tree and both Mark and Jeff Romanchuk have a key.
- There is a box containing a calendar and a form that the user fills out.
- A \$25 donation can be left in the box. Checks should be made out to Long Lake Association. Donations can also be made using the Venmo App. The Venmo username is timtamlyn, indicate payment is for LLA trailer.
- There is a plastic bag covering the electrical plug and chains. It is held on with a bungee cord. Please rewrap after use.



## Zebra Mussels Found on Local Pontoon Boat



There was a pontoon boat taken to a nearby boat storage facility that has zebra mussels attached. The mussels were not cleaned off prior to putting the boat away last year. The boat came from one of the McKenzie lakes. Apparently neither the boat owner nor the boat storage facility, if they were hired to transport and store the boat, did not clean them off immediately after removing the boat from the water at the lake's decontamination station.

An investigation is in process that may result in someone receiving a fine for illegally transporting a boat with aquatic invasive species attached.

## Coronavirus and Decontamination Stations

The following message is from Tom Boisvert, Burnett County Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator:


I have been contacted on several occasions about how the use of the decontamination stations may be affected by COVID-19, and the safety risks associated with their use. The Burnett County Health Department has designed some signage that can be placed on the decontamination stations that remind people that these items are used by the general public. General health precautions should be taken (wear gloves, wash hands, use hand sanitizer, don't touch face, etc.). I have attached the signage to this email.

I will be personally installing/hanging these signs at each decontamination station in the Burnett County. I figured this would be easier than meeting with each association or mailing the signs. I hope to have these signs installed next week (signage was approved yesterday), so if you would like this at your station in the meantime you can feel free to print and use this for the time being. I will hang a nicer laminated copy.


As a reminder, the WDNR and UW-Extension have both asked that Clean Boats, Clean Waters, inspections are asked to be postponed until June 1. If your Association feels that inspections are necessary CDC guidelines must be used – stay 6 feet away, wear masks, don't touch the boaters' items, etc. Also, handing items out during inspections should not be done during this time. WDNR and UW-Extension are expecting that CBCW programs will be postponed, and grant requirements will be flexible as a result.

**PREVENT THE SPREAD OF  
COVID-19**

**Please be aware this station may be used by multiple people and it is recommended that you use COVID-19 safety protocol after inspecting your boat.**



While using this station please wear disposable gloves



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

## Aquatic Plant Survey and Purple Loosestrife Update

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Bob Peterson met with Tom Boisvert last winter to plan some events for the upcoming summer season involving county resources. However, due to the pandemic Bob had a follow-up call with Tom to determine the status of the two initiatives they had previously discussed.

Tom still plans on conducting an aquatic plant survey this May or June unless the Wisconsin DNR announces boat occupancy restrictions due to the pandemic and social distancing requirements.

Tom is now in the process of digging up purple loosestrife root stock for his beetle mass rearing cage. He will then capture wild beetles to populate the plants. Unfortunately, he is late getting this started. He did commit to the association a portion of the beetles he raises.

As far as Tom and Bob know, the process of cutting and spraying purple loosestrife is still acceptable. However, at a recent zone meeting hosted by the Wisconsin University Extension Services on how to raise beetles, it was mentioned that the use of chemical sprays requires a license issued by the state. Long Lake Association doesn't have one, as it has acted on behalf of the county and fell under its license. Bob will follow up to determine if this practice is still acceptable.



## Loon Nesting Platforms

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Bob Peterson, Dave Foote, and Mark Michel put our loon nesting platforms in the lake on April 23. A big thank-you to them! And let's hope we have lots of chicks this year.

## Let's Protect Our Water

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Water in Burnett County includes roughly 300 named lakes, 40 named rivers, streams, brooks, and thousands of individual wetlands ranging in all different sizes. Plus, there are thousands of private wells which can be found on record in the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

The Burnett County Land Services Department is at the forefront of protecting all these vital water sources from pollution to invasive species.

One potential source of pollution in Burnett County could be right under your feet: a failing septic system.

Here's some pollution prevention tips from the Burnett County Land Services Department:

- Maintain your septic system by having a licensed professional pump and inspect it (it's the law).
- If you see something say something... There's never a wrong time to do the right thing, public safety is critical to us (yes, you may remain anonymous).
- Protect your buffer zone. The more vegetative your buffer is, the healthier your water source (less nutrients entering the water can decrease nasty algae blooms).
- Make sure your septic tank and drain field are further from your well or waterbody than required (this will prevent bacteria and excess nutrients from entering your well).
- Never flush or dispose of the following items into your septic system: disposable diapers, bandages, rags, home brew-



ery waste, mud, metal objects, animal bones, cat litter, egg shells, melon rinds, paper towels, feminine hygiene products, string, cigarettes, paint, automotive fluids, sticks, plastics, grease, drain cleaners, liquid fabric softener, corn cobs, coffee grounds, large amounts of cleaning products, and especially no antibiotics or medications of any type.

There are many other items not mentioned above that should never be flushed. Remember the less stress on your septic system the longer it will last and the more dollars you can save.

The Burnett County Land Services Zoning Division can be reached at 715-349-2109 or <https://www.burnettcounty.com>.



## Member Dues for 2020

Annual member dues for 2020 are once again \$35. A member directory update form is attached. It is a fillable PDF. The form can be printed and sent with payment or emailed to [ttamlyn@mchsi.com](mailto:ttamlyn@mchsi.com). Please make checks out to Long Lake Association and mail to Tim Tamlyn, 6220 Arbor Ln, Excelsior, MN 55331. Payment can also be made with the Venmo App. Tim's username is [tamtamlyn](#). Please indicate it is for Long Lake Association dues.

## LLA Clothing Company

The new LLA Clothing Company is open for business. In its online store you will find a large selection of various clothing such as tee shirts, sweatshirts, and tank tops all featuring various designs that invoke all the wonderful feelings of life at the lake. Sales will help support the work of your lake association.

Clothing is available in various colors and sizes for men and women. All are made from high-quality material. The store website is <https://teespring.com/stores/lla-clothing-co>.



## Calling All Volunteers

Your lake association is always looking for members who want to get involved and lend a helping hand. You can help with one of our social functions, loon platforms, lake monitoring and clean-up, serve on a committee, and especially volunteering to help with boat inspections at the boat landing. You can contact any board member if you're interested.

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