



LONG LAKE NEWS

Summer 2022

Boat Parade & Ice Cream Social

It may sound cliché, but time sure flies by fast. It's hard to believe that summer 2022 is almost over. We hope everyone has been having a great summer at the lake.

Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's boat parade and attended the ice cream social. Congratulations to the first-place winning boat called Red, White, and Boobs (Breast Cancer Awareness).

We also want to thank John and Candy McMahon for having the Burnett County Animal Shelter donation table again, and thanks to everyone who donated.

Below are photos from the boat parade and ice cream social.



Loons

Our five loon chicks are doing well and getting big.

Clean Boats Clean Waters Update

We would like to thank all the members who have been doing boat inspections at the landing this summer.

We currently have three cameras at the landing, and we would like to add a fourth one down by the water. The association has been turning in many reports for people not following the rules.

And with autumn around the corner, please remember you can use our association pontoon trailer. It is only used in Long Lake, which helps reduce the possible transfer of AIS (aquatic invasive species). We ask for a \$25 donation to use it. You can schedule a time with Mark Michel, 715-281-8953, mfmichel71@gmail.com.

Purple Loosestrife Beetles

This is the second year of a joint project between the Long Lake Association, the Des Moines Lake Association, and Burnett County. Last year we were able to release beetles on both Long and Des Moines. This year we were not so successful. It wasn't only our cage. Burnett County had five cages this year. None of them produced enough beetles to release any into the wild. They are going to attempt a new approach. They took the plants that had grown in our cage and are hoping to overwinter a cage so that they have a good supply of beetles come next spring.

Is It Purple Loosestrife or Blue Vervain?

Purple Loosestrife is an invasive plant that is easily recognizable at this time of year for its attractive purple flowers. It is visible along shorelines, ditches and marsh-like areas. It is a plant that is not native to our waterways. It is colorful, but it does cause a problem. The root systems get incredibly massive and crowd out native plants. (photo)

Blue Vervain on the other hand is not invasive. It is native to our area. Blue Vervain is easily confused with purple loosestrife. It is a perennial and is drought resistant. There have been lots of blue vervain by our

lakes this year. Probably more than other years. It is a very nice flower. (photo)

If you think you have purple loosestrife or are not sure, you can contact Mark Michel. He will work with Chris Franken of the Des Moines Lake Association to identify and remove the plants.

You can also remove purple loosestrife yourself. Pull out the plants and put them in a garbage bag. The bags can be taken to the Webb Lake Recycling Center, or the plants can be burnt after drying in the garbage bags. Mark Michel can be contacted at 715-281-8953, mfmichel71@gmail.com, and Chris Franken can be

contacted at 612-709-3570, chrisfranken5@gmail.com.

Membership Dues

There's still time to send in your annual membership dues if you haven't done so. The amount is still \$35. Checks should be made out to Long Lake Association and can be mailed to our treasurer, Tim Tamlyn, 6220 Arbor Ln, Excelsior, MN 55331. You also use the Venmo app to send your payment. Tim's username is timtamlyn.

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