

# LOWER LONG LAKE NEWS

Lower Long Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District



## Letter from the Chair

Once again, I want to thank all members of our Long Lake family, for it is ONLY through everyone's efforts the District is successful. But there are a lot of individuals that really do go above and beyond. At the first Cocktail on the Dock, the District was in need of an Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) inspector, a Water Quality Monitor, and a new board member for next year. Two days later, our Treasurer had to resign due to previous commitments, so therefore we needed a new Treasurer as well. Many tasks, and not enough people. At Cocktails on the Dock, someone stepped up to assist Mark Edstrom with his AIS inspections. As a matter of fact, Mark got two volunteers, Em Skaw and Carl Gladitsch. Great timing! The next day, I got a message from former Long Laker's, Ray and Pat Andress's daughter-in-law, Angela Nelson, asking if she could be our water quality monitor as a tribute to Pat and Ray. Also great timing!

My term (actually 4 terms) was due to expire this year, but with all the changes and issues, I offered to stay another year, and long-time lake resident Jim Weiss offered to move onto the Board. So Jim will work with me for the next year, and then he will be appointed to the fill the Chairman position. More great timing!

*Picture above of sunset on Long Lake by Don Zimmerman.*

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### NEWSLETTER

Send info to Kathy Kelly



Lastly, we were in dire need of a treasurer, and Denise Fried-Schepke stepped in to help the District. Unfortunate timing, Jim Harvey (our Treasurer for the last 9 years) was leaving in three days on a trip to Germany for two weeks, and we needed to have a Budget and Levy recommendation done to be published a month prior to our Annual Meeting on July 27. Denise worked tirelessly to try to decipher our budget process and levying. With emails and texts flying back and forth, as I tried to assist, only to learn why Jim had been our Treasurer for 9 year, while I was chair. She did a fabulous job!!! Further great timing!

In the midst of all of this unusual chaos, the Board had voted to apply for a DNR Mechanical Weed Harvesting Permit. So as the constituents were told of a weed harvesting permit, over 100 emails, texts, and phone calls all poured in wanting on the permit application. As I was about to pull my hair out, Pat Kelly stepped up and has been chained to the computer, working with the DNR, attempting to follow their criteria and map all the sites that have requested inclusion. And believe me, that is not an easy task. Additional great timing!

All this is to only further prove my initial point. All the members of our Long Lake family make the Lake District the success it is, for it is ONLY through everyone's efforts that the District can be successful! As always, a big thank you to ALL members of our Long Lake family! Please continue to be courteous of our lake and with your neighbors! Our focus is for everyone to have a safe and healthy summer on the lake.

*Be sure to attend the LLLPRD Annual Meeting on July 27, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., at the Sampson Town Hall.*

*Kathy Kelly*



## LLLPRD ANNUAL MEETING AND BUDGET HEARING

**Saturday July 27, 2024, 10:00 a.m.**  
**Sampson Town Hall, 10770 270th Avenue,**  
**New Auburn, WI**

### AGENDA

Call to order.

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Review and approve 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes
- Chair's Report
  - Discussion of DNR Permit on Long Lake to allow constituents to hire weed mowing at their own expense

Committee Reports:

- Website and Facebook master - Kate Snowise
- Fish Committee - discussion of ongoing Walleye stocking- Ty Bernicke
- Report from Joseph Gerbyshak (DNR) pertaining to Walleye Survey conducted
- Publicity and Welcome Committee - Sue Edstrom, Kate Snowise, & Jill Brodd
- Water Quality - Chair Angela Nelson
- Aquatic Invasive Species Long Lake Monitor Team- Chair Mark Edstrom
  - New inspectors Em Skaw and Carl Gladitsch
- Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Grant - CBCW Inspection
  - Introduce CBCW Watercraft Inspector - Fred Blair
- Report on Aquatic Invasive Species Surveillance/I-LID - Eric Lindberg (Gale Haas)
- Treasurer's Report and results of 2023 Audit
- Review and vote on the proposed 2024-2025 Budget. Determine the 2025 tax levy for the Lake District (*please see the budget posted on the following page for more information*)
- Long Lake Foundation: Report and election of *one* member
- Nominating Committee Report. Elect one Lake District Board member
- Adjourn

### **Notice of LLLPRD Board Meeting** **Saturday, July 27, 2024**

*Following the Annual Meeting Agenda: Election of Officers and  
Set Date for next Board Meeting*

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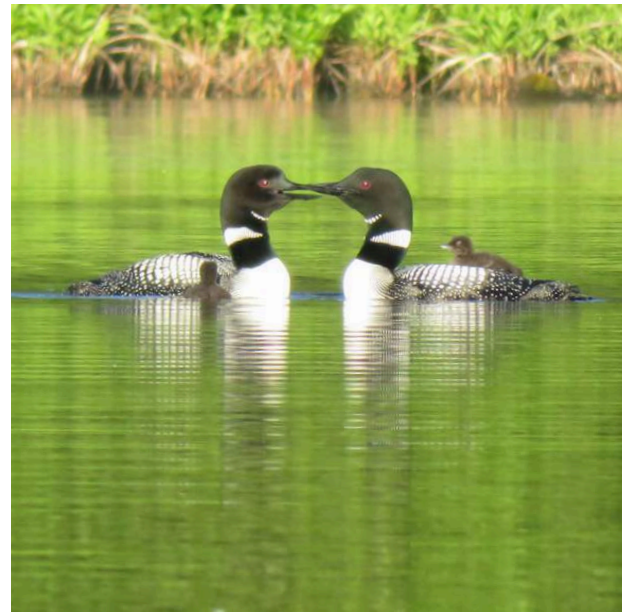


# Long Lake Loon Updates

Thanks to the wonderful updates and images from Don Zimmerman, we know we have new Loon Chicks on the Lake from the Hurd Lake nest. While it appears they may have lost one, there are two chicks remaining.

At last report, the southern pair were protecting their territory as well, and had two eggs on one of the Artificial Nesting Platforms. If things go well, we might have two more chicks just before the Fourth of July.

There is also an active challenger on the lake who continues to challenge in both southern territories. The chick observes and stays away.



## LLLPRD ANNUAL BUDGET

<u>Category</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Fish/Water Quality	\$0	\$0
Watercraft Inspector	\$4,500	\$4,500
AIS Camera (I-LID)	\$3,100	\$4,000
Office Supplies	\$225	\$225
Liability Insurance	\$1,200	\$1,200
Training/Conferences	\$150	\$150
Memberships (WAL/CVORA)	\$270	\$270
Publicity (News/Web/COD)	\$2,100	\$2,100
Maintenance (Buoys/Signs)	\$0	\$0
<u>Reserve</u>	<u>\$250</u>	<u>\$250</u>
Total	\$ 11,795	\$12,695

## Interesting Fact

Pat Kelly recently shared a fascinating fact in the community facebook group: Herde Lake is actually misspelled! It was named after Dr Herbert H Hurd. A civil war surgeon who settled in Chippewa Falls. Kracum bought the cabin on Hurd Lake Island from Dr. Hurd's descendants.



## Introducing Water Quality Monitor, Angela Nelson

My name is Angela Nelson and I am honored and thrilled to be a part of the Lower Long Lake family as the new Water Quality Inspector. I grew up in Eau Claire and on the Chain of Lakes over 'yonder.'

I am new to Long Lake but the family that I'm volunteering my time in honor of is not new. The late Ray and Pat Andress built their cabin in 1964. Pat was a major steward of the land and water so I aim to follow in her path. Their children Mary (Chris) Rouleau and Steve Andress honor their parents memories in so many amazing ways, this is my contribution to not only them but the families here that are making waves on this beautiful lake.

I spent many years in Education and have experience testing waterways alongside Ecology students.

I look forward to waving and smiling at you all and hopefully a chat or two in the years to come.



Image: Angela Nelson and pup, Helga.



### Save the Dates

**Join us for  
Cocktails on the Dock!**

At Max's on the Lake

4pm - 6pm

**Saturday 20th July**

**Saturday 17th Aug**

We had a great turnout on Memorial Weekend! We look forward to seeing you a couple more times this summer to connect.






**THUR 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY**  
**BOAT PARADE**

**Time:** 11 a.m.  
(note we are starting 30 min. later than past years)

**Route:** South End of the Lake this year

**Location:** Meet North of the buoys

**End:** Max's - Stop in for a 4th of July Cocktail or Lunch

*Plan a theme for your boat and crew, or go with your best Red, White and Blue!!!*



**Community Notices**

**4th of July Fireworks!**

**The Community Sponsored Fireworks Show will take place in the Bay close to Max's on the Lake on Thursday 4th of July @ 10pm**

An additional show will be hosted by Max's on Sat 6th July

## Wakeboarding & Wake Surfing Resolution

Jim Flater  
Chippewa County Board Supervisor District 1

The State of Wisconsin has introduced a bill to regulate wakeboarding and wake surfing. The proposed bill does not address some issues and also does not allow local government to put rules into effect that are more stringent. All lakes are different and local municipalities should have a say in the rules.

On May 14, 2024, the Chippewa County Board passed a resolution to address their concerns regarding Assembly Bill 2023 AB 656 setting standards for wake surfing and wakeboarding.

This is not an ordinance or law, but a resolution addressing our concerns of the proposed bill. This resolution has been forwarded to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, State Representative Rob Summerfield, State Representative Karen Hurd, State Senator Jesse James, the Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

You are welcome to contact your Wisconsin Legislators with your own concerns.

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## **Additional Information on Wakeboarding & Wake Surfing Resolution**

The resolution from Chippewa County to address concerns regarding WI Assembly Bill 2023 AB 656 included the following recommendations [quoted directly]:

- 1. Requiring that wakesurfing and wakeboarding operation occur at least 600 feet from the shore to prohibit enhance wake creation in waters.*
- 2. Prohibiting wakesurfing and wakeboarding in waters shallower than at least 20 feet in depth.*
- 3. Requiring that wakesurfing and wakeboarding operation only occur on lakes with a minimum average of 500 acres and at least 50 acres of contiguous minimum depth of 20 feet.*
- 4. Requiring that wakesurfing and wakeboarding only occur at a minimum distance of 300' from other watercraft.*

Assembly Bill 656 failed to pass in the Wisconsin Legislature on 04/15/24.

“With no action to regulate the impact of enhanced wakes on a statewide level in Wisconsin passing, the 2024 boating season will operate under the status quo from previous years. Local ordinances remain the only method to regulate impacts on specific lakes, and over a dozen municipalities have chose to do so.

Whether the next session of the Legislature, which starts in January after elections this November, will result in any new action on the state level remains to be seen. The issue received considerable attention and seemed to have bipartisan momentum at points, with vocal advocates for meaningful, science-based standards pushing back and successfully holding off AB656/SB680.”

*Quoted from Wisconsin Lakes online article: Wake bills fail to move in WI Legislature. <https://wisconsinlakes.org/wake-bills-fail-to-move-in-wi-legislature/>*

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*Unless otherwise noted, the photos in this newsletter were taken by Don Zimmerman.*



*“Cause a little bit of summer is what  
the whole year is all about.”*

*—John Mayer*