LONG LAKE NEWS

SPRING/SUMMER 2026

Welcome Back to Long Lake

As the days grow longer and the signs of spring give way to summer, we are once again reminded why the lake holds such a special place for so many of us. Whether you have been here year-round or are just returning after the winter months, there is a shared sense of anticipation that comes with the start of the lake season.

Spring on the lake brings a renewal, docks going in, shoreline projects taking shape, and the gradual return of familiar sounds: loons calling in the early morning, the breeze moving through the trees, and the first boats venturing out onto open water. It is a time to reconnect not only with the lake itself, but with your neighbors and friends who make up this community.

The Long Lake Association remains committed to supporting that sense of community and stewardship. Our lake is a resource we all value, for recreation, relaxation, and the natural beauty it provides. Each season is an opportunity to continue caring for it, whether through simple actions like mindful boating, maintaining shorelines, or staying informed about lake health issues.

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50 years LONG LAKE ASSOCIATION

NEW PICNIC LOCATION!

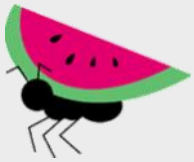
The traditional Long Lake summer picnic will be Saturday, July 18th at 4 pm.

We will be at a new location, Catlin's red barn. That is near the corner of North Long Lake and East Long Lake Roads.

The site was chosen for its ample parking, electricity, shelter in case of inclement weather, and flat areas for safe access by all in our community.

Thank you to the Catlin's for offering their property to keep the picnic going. We also thank the other families who graciously offered to host the event.

To volunteer your help, please contact Emily Nikolai.



This summer, we encourage everyone to take to heart what Long Lake has to offer. Spend time on the water, enjoy a sunset from your pier, introduce family and friends to your favorite spot, and always take a moment to truly appreciate the unique character of the lake we all share.

We also look forward to connecting with you throughout the season—whether through Association updates, community events, or informal conversations along the shoreline. Your involvement, in whatever form it takes, can strengthen the fabric of this lake community.

Wishing you a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable summer on Long Lake. ◊◊◊

ONLINE APPAREL SALES FOR SPRING/ SUMMER 2026

By: Katie Naylor & Jan Boie

Long Lake SWAG is back for another exciting season—and thanks to last year's incredible support, we have made a few updates we think you will love!

Once again, you have opportunities to purchase your favorite Long Lake apparel both online and in person this summer.

We will kick off the season with our Spring online sale, featuring a refreshed lineup of men's, women's, and youth clothing, along with hats, tumblers, and returning favorites like the beloved "High Dive" logo. We have also added a few new styles and color options based on your feedback from last year!

Spring Online Sale Details:

- The online sale will run from May 18, 2026 – May 26, 2026.
- As before, you can choose to have your items shipped directly to you, or arrange for local pickup at the Boie Cottage on the East Bay.

You can access the on-line store from the Friends of Long Lake website HERE (www.friendsoflonglake.org/store).

NEW THIS YEAR – due to limited time and space constraints, we will NOT have apparel sales at the LLA Annual Meeting. Instead, we are offering an in-person summer sale on MAY 23rd, 2026 from 10am-1pm at the Boie Cottage (N6585 E. Long Lake Rd.). Inventory will be on a first-come, first-served basis. We will continue to offer flexible payment options—cash, check, or credit/debit—for all in-person purchases.

Be sure to keep an eye on local Facebook groups for potential pop-up sales throughout the summer—you never know when more SWAG might appear!

Last year's turnout and enthusiasm were incredible, and we're so grateful for the continued support. We are excited to build on the momentum and see even more of you sporting Long Lake gear this season.

For more information, questions, or to volunteer to help with in-person sales, please contact:

Katie Naylor at 262-893-9318 (call/text)
or knaylor4786@gmail.com
-or-
Jan Boie at 262-893-9317 (call/text)
or jmboie1@gmail.com

We cannot wait to see everyone repping Long Lake this summer!

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EDUCATION IS WORKING

By Todd Schultz, LLA Board Member, Education Committee and CBCW Volunteer

One way to see the progress of education is when someone turns around and becomes the teacher instead of the student!

An example of this occurred last summer, right after the annual meeting. My regular CBCW shift is on Saturdays from 10:00 am to noon. The meeting went long, and I did not get to the landing until 11:00. As I arrived, I noticed a boat surfing through the narrows. The boat stopped, and another boat trailing them also stopped and spoke with the driver. The boat that stopped to speak with the surfer is a family from Neenah that comes to Long Lake regularly, and I have gotten to know them over the past few years. They are very respectful of our Long Lake Wake Responsibly recommendations and told the surfer about them. The surfing boat came back to the landing after that to pick someone up from the dock, and I spoke with them and provided an education card. The driver was very apologetic and said she appreciated the education and would follow the recommendations. This boat only came to the lake that one day last summer.

I was encouraged by this interaction that our education does work! Families who come to recreate on Long Lake have every right to use it just like we do, but they also choose to be good stewards by following our boating recommendations! The CBCW volunteers do a great service for our lake with the education they provide to all boaters! Thank you, CBCW volunteers, for what you do. The education you share is being passed along—even when we don't know it! ◊◊◊

FOUR LLA BOARD SEATS UP FOR ELECTION AT 50th ANNUAL MEETING

The upcoming election cycle for the Long Lake Association (LLA) Board of Directors will see four seats opening up new candidates. The terms of three directors will be expiring, Jerry Voigt (2nd term), Patty Jackson (1st term) and Bruce Rucks (1st first term). Bruce Rucks will be running for a second term. An additional seat is available due to the recent resignation of Brian Waldhart due to a personal matter.

Have you considered serving on the Long Lake Association Board—or wondered what to look for in a candidate?

The future of Long Lake depends on thoughtful, engaged community members, both those who choose to serve and those who help elect them.

Whether you are considering running for the board or preparing to vote, it helps to understand what a director's role truly involves and the qualities that support a strong, collaborative board.

LLA Mission

The LLA unites our community to preserve and protect the natural resources of Long Lake's water and shoreline, maintain the scenic beauty of the area, support accessibility for recreation and leisure, and guide policies based on lake studies and planning efforts.

What to Look For

Strong board members are not the loudest voices, but they are the most effective collaborators. You may be a great fit if you:

- Listen with an open mind

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- Communicate respectfully, even when you disagree
- Stay focused on what's best for the entire lake community
- Are willing to actively participate, not just observe

What the Role of Director Involves

- Attending board meetings (approximately 4 times per year; in-person and/or on Zoom)
- Contributing to discussions and decision-making
- Participating in a committee or supporting events
- Helping guide the long-term health and direction of the lake

Why Board Partipation Matters

A strong, collaborative board leads to better decisions and a stronger lake community for everyone. After the membership elects directors, the board selects the officers for the following roles:

President

- Guides meetings and overall direction in alignment with bylaws
- Oversees communication, partnerships, and compliance
- Serves as the primary representative of the association

Vice President

- Supports the President
- Responsible in absence of the President
- Helps identify and recruit future board members

Secretary

- Maintains accurate association records
- Records meeting minutes
- Ensures proper communication and documentation

Treasurer

- Manages finances and reporting
- Maintains membership records
- Oversees billing, records, and financial transparency

Committees and Other Ways to Get Involved

Board and community members can also contribute through the Association's committees and volunteer programs. Getting involved in a committee is a great way to build an understanding ot the association, its goals, objectives and current priorities.

Volunteer opportunities are available for:

- Clean Boats, Clean Waters
- Education
- Fish Enhancement
- Lake Management
- Land Management
- Membership
- Newsletter
- Picnic
- Saxeville Liaison
- Social Media
- Springwater Liaison
- Website Administration

If you care about Long Lake and want to make a meaningful, collaborative contribution, consider running for the board and reach out to a current board member to let us know.

If you are preparing to vote, consider candidates that fulfill the qualities needed to serve the community earnestly for the future our lake deserves.

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To express interest in running for the Long Lake Association Board of Directors use the form on our Contact Us Page HERE.

(https://longlakesaxeville.org/contact-us/)

RAKING LEAVES INTO THE LAKE HARMS WATER QUALITY

By Rick Schaber, LLA Board Member

Like many others with property on Long Lake, I recently finished the annual spring ritual of clearing the leaves and pine needles off the hill and hauling them away. It took dozens of trips up the hill with 32-gallon garbage containers to complete the job. My ankles were sore, my knees ached and I was feeling every one of my 61 years of age.

A friend of mine stopped in when I was about halfway through. He didn't offer to help, but did ask, "why don't you just blow them into the lake?"

Although that would have been a lot easier, raking leaves into the lake can cause significant environmental harm, scientists and water quality experts say.

When leaves enter a lake, they begin to decompose, a process that consumes dissolved oxygen in the water. This reduction in oxygen levels can stress or even kill fish and other aquatic organisms.

"People think they're just moving natural material back into a natural system," said a Minnesota-based limnologist. "But in concentrated amounts, it disrupts the balance."

Leaves are rich in nutrients such as phosphorus and nitrogen. As they break down, these nutrients are released into the water, fueling the growth of algae and aquatic plants. This process, known as eutrophication, can lead to murky water, foul odors and harmful algal blooms.

Beyond water quality concerns, leaf piles can also alter lakebed conditions. Accumulated organic debris may smother fish spawning grounds and disrupt habitats for insects and other small organisms that form the base of the aquatic food chain.

Keeping leaves out of lakes is one of the simplest things property owners can do to protect water quality.

If you're in the Town of Saxeville, you can dispose of yard waste at the Waushara County Collection Site at W3802 Archer Avenue in Pine River. For Town of Springwater property owners, the site is located at W6345 Highway K in Wild Rose. ◊◊◊

PROJECT HARMONY UPDATE

The developer has not addressed DNR Stormwater issues from their original Resort Motel plan, nor presented any updated plans to the Town of Springwater or Waushara County Zoning. We continue to monitor the project for updates so we can promote and ensure continuity with the lake community, Lake Management Plan, & Town of Springwater Comprehensive plan. ◊◊◊

PROGRAM SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Dave Wangerin and John Harvat are leading Long Lake's CBCW program and are seeking additional volunteers for 2026.

This season will begin on Friday, May 22nd and close on Monday, Sept. 7th (Labor Day). The program will operate with six two-hour volunteer shifts each day (from 6am-6pm, Friday thru Sunday and holidays).

The program is seeking new volunteers to add to its solid base of support. Volunteering is an excellent opportunity to become a steward of Long Lake and contribute to efforts to help properly manage this wonderful resource.

Should you have questions about Long Lake's CBCW program please contact: Dave Wangerin (dwangerin@new.rr.com) or John Harvat (john.harvat@ERSLC.com).

FRIENDS OF LONG LAKE (FLL) 501c3 Corporation
SPRING 2026 REPORT

By Britt Mason

I'll start with what's important - THANK YOU for your generous support of Friends of Long Lake! We're stringing together a number of good years - grateful for your part in helping us help the lake and surrounding community!

Our FLL Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, June 6th at the Saxeville Town Hall starting at 8:00 am. NOTE - we are starting a little earlier due to the Town Hall being double booked that day and we need to be out by 11:00 am. Your attendance and participation in our Annual FLL Meeting is important to our mission to preserve and protect Long Lake and support our local community!

On the FLL Fiscal front, we are generally healthy and all our cash outflows can be categorized as "normal". We will review the details of our financial report during the FLL Annual Meeting. Overall, we had a bit of a "quiet" year other than our legal fund activity. Total contributions were up from the prior year but our legal fund spending was also up, resulting in a moderate increase in total FLL funding.

Don't forget that all of your contributions are fully tax deductible!

A new FLL community support item worthy of mention are "Experience Passes" we purchased for the Pine River Library. These are physical passes that provide a family admission to the following area cultural attractions:

- Central Wisconsin Children's Museum in Stevens Point
- Paine Art Center & Gardens in Oshkosh
- Bookworm Gardens in Sheboygan

Passes are available for checkout (like a book) at the library with a 3-day return/due date, then available to the next library patron. Please visit or contact the library for details on the number of adults/children included for each pass.

FLL is also funding the Golden Sands Early Detection study this year. This is a critical study to ensure any Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) is identified early & eradicated before it spreads.

Save the Date - FLL is coordinating an "Adopt-a-Highway" cleanup of South Long Lake Rd. on Saturday, May 23rd. Please plan to meet at the boat landing @ 8:30 am - we will disperse from there with a plan to retrieve what is collected. Thank you in advance for your help!

Hope to see you at the FLL Annual Meeting! ◊◊◊

Our new fiscal year has started, please use the FLL Membership & Contribution form included in this newsletter or pay online at www.friendoflonglake.org

REMEMBER THAT ALL AMOUNTS CONTRIBUTED TO FLL ARE FULLY TAX DEDUCTIBLE!

Click here to make a contribution!

Experience Passes Available For

Central Wisconsin Children's Museum in Stevens Point

Art Center & Gardens in Oshkosh

Bookworm Gardens in Sheboygan

LONG LAKE ASSOCIATION — MEMBERHSIP MINI-FORM

Annual Dues: $25.00

Eligibility: Membership is open to any individual who for at least one month per year owns real estate or resides on or within one mile of Long Lake.

Fiscal Year: May 1, 2026 to April 30, 2027

Your Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____

HOME (for newsletter mailing):

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

LAKE:

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

YOU CAN SKIP THIS FORM AND USE THE QR CODE ABOVE TO PAY YOUR DUES ONLINE!

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM (WITH $25 CHECK PAYABLE TO "LONG LAKE ASSOCIATION") TO:

Long Lake Association, P.O. Box 9, Saxeville, WI 54976

FRIENDS OF LONG LAKE — 501(C)3 — MEMBER CONTRIBUTION FORM

Contributions are 100% tax deductible

Enclosed is a cash or check payable to Friends of Long Lake in the amount of $_____

($10.00 minimum per membership applied to the May 1, 2026 to April 30, 2027 fiscal year)

I elect to designate my contribution to the specific purposes/funds below. (If I make no designation, I understand my contribution will be added to the "Friends General Fund"):

$ _____ Fire Protection	$_____ Legal Expenses
$ _____ Fish Enhancement	$ _____ Lake Studies
$ _____ Land Management	$_____ Clean Boats/Clean Waters

Please designate whether your contribution includes additional FY 2025/2026 memberships *(must include $10.00 for each person):*

Additional Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Your Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Street: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

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The New Membership Year has Begun...
Please Remember to Renew Your Membership!

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www.longlakesaxeville.org/news/

2025-2026 Long Lake Association Board of Directors

Jerry Voigt; President; (2nd; 2026)
Patty Jackson; Secretary; (1st; 2026)
Bruce Rucks; At-Large; (1st; 2026)
David Wangerin; Vice President; (2nd; 2027)
Todd Schultz, At-Large; (1st; 2027)
Emily Nikolai, At-Large; (1st; 2027)
Rick Schaber; Treasurer; (2nd; 2028)
Wendy Vincent; At-Large; (2nd; 2028)
Unfilled

To reach a board member use this form:

Contact Us

2026 Save the Dates!

JUNE 6th (8:00a) — FLL Annual Mtg.
JUNE 27th — LLA Summer Board Mtg.
JULY 4th (8:00a) — 50th LLA Annual Mtg.
JULY 4th (eve) — 22nd Annual Boat Parade
July 18th (4:00p) — Picnic
SEP 5th — Annual Blood Drive
(ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

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