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## Please Report If You Spot Curly Leaf Pondweed

In our Fall newsletter, we reported on our annual treatment for Curly Leaf Pondweed in Merrifield Bay near the boat access. As a reminder, Curly Leaf Pondweed typically grows in 3-10 feet of water. While it's almost impossible to eradicate, it can be controlled by application of a herbicide.

While our AIS contractor does a pre-treatment assessment as part of the permitting process, we have heard anecdotal reports of Curly Leaf Pondweed outside the treatment area and even in distant parts of the lake. If you spot Curly Leaf, please send a note to [ais@northlong.org](mailto:ais@northlong.org) with the location. If you can provide gps coordinates from your phone, that will help greatly. And, if possible, include a photo.

# President's Message | North Long Lake

Bill Schmidt | President



Greetings to North Long Lake Association members, property owners, and friends.

"Happy Spring", to those who stayed the long, hard and cold winter and those who left to bask in the sun. The beauty of Minnesota's four seasons is that we can always look forward to the change that each season brings. We can also look

forward to the tasks and challenges that each season brings, somehow in the end we are always a little better off because of them.

One of the big challenges facing us this spring is the "Bog". Yes, the bog is still with us and hopefully, as soon as the ice is off, we will be putting it to rest. A lot of very hard work has been done this past winter by Legionville personal to prepare to move the bog to its final resting place. They have surrounded the bog with logs and chained them together for movement. They have also cut several paths through the bog and placed plywood to lay cables that will be attached to I-beams to help move and anchor it.

As soon as the ice is off we will be asking for volunteers to help move the bog. We may need several boats; that is yet to be determined. This is one of those tasks that when working together, sharing ideas, and a bit of hard work we will all be a little better off.

When the board meets in April we will be finalizing the activities for the year; curly leaf containment, water testing, monitoring loon nests, road side clean up, annual meeting/picnic, communications, working with local and state agencies for policy, public access inspections with cameras and county and DNR personal, conducting the fishing contest, manage any new challenges and listening to you for ideas and thoughts. We encourage you to participate in any of these activities that you have interest in.

I want to thank all of you for your support and membership and encourage those who are not a member to becoming one - as we make this a great lake to live on. I want to also thank the board for their dedication and hard work. Let's all have an enjoyable fun summer and I will see you on the lake.

## A Dangerous Loophole...

*Minnesota Family Protection Act will protect families by closing an insurance loophole of which many of the state's boaters are unaware.*

The loophole is called a "family exclusion" and its found in the fine print of most boat insurance policies sold to Minnesotans. It means the the boat owners family, children and other resident relatives are excluded and eliminated from the insurance policy.

In September, 2017 Courtney Godfrey was enjoying a warm Fall day on her families boat when she was tossed into the water and the boat's propeller severed her foot. Recovering from her injuries has been challenging - made more so when her family discovered she was excluded from their umbrella and boat insurance policies and that such exclusions were commonplace in Minnesota.

"I have already been impacted by this loophole and unfair exclusion," said Godfrey. "I want to ensure that no other Minnesota family has to find out the hard way that the coverage that they faithfully paid into for all of these years doesn't protect the ones who are on their boat the most."

"The Minnesota Family Protection Act will fill the 'blank space' in our insurance laws," said Senator Paul Anderson R - District 44, and chief author of the bill in the Senate. "...there are more

than 800,000 registered boats (in Minnesota) and our families and children should be included and protected in our insurance policies."

### Take Action

Urge your representatives to support HF 4047/SAF 3610, and make sure that IF a boating accident ever occurs, your family is protected.

It will not be long until open water, despite the forecast. Boater safety is always first and foremost, and happily boating accidents are rare. But should tragedy strike, Minnesotans deserve to have the coverage and protection for their loved ones.

Best to all of you, Jeff



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# President's Message | Round Lake

Mark Parish | President



Since there have been several property transfers on the lake in the last two years, I thought that it would make sense to update the message that I wrote in the spring 2016 newsletter.

There is often confusion regarding the purpose and objectives of the Round Lake Improvement Association (RLIA)

vs the Round Lake Improvement District (RLID).

The RLID was established to deal with lake water quality issues such as invasive species. The funding comes from a special property tax assessment that lakeshore property owners voted into place. The total of the assessment is approximately \$36,000 per year, allocated among lakeshore owners. The county holds the funds for the lake improvement district in a special account and releases them when a bill is presented for payment. These funds can only be used for lake/water quality issues. They can't be used, for example, to dredge out Bishops Creek in order to improve navigation. Examples of past and current uses of the funds have been for Curly Leaf Pond Weed control, Clemson Leveler and beaver dam maintenance in Sugar Bush Creek (creek between North Long Lake and Round Lake), annual water quality testing, etc.

An update on the issues that the RLID deals with is:

- Plans are underway to control curly leaf pond weed again in the spring of 2018. In past years the DNR has provided grants that have reduced our out of pocket costs by approximately \$6,000 annually. Due to cutbacks at the DNR we expect to receive no funds this year.
- There has been discussion regarding the proliferation of native weeds due to the zebra mussel infestation. There

is little that can be done to control the native weeds beyond an area that the DNR allows individual property owners to clear with a proper permit.

- Crow Wing County provides inspectors at the public access during certain scheduled hours. The RLID board has decided not to pay for additional inspection hours from the budget.

The RLIA was established as a lake community association for social purposes as well as to deal with lake issues that the RLID cannot fund. Membership is open to all that choose to pay annual dues. Members do not need to be Round Lake property owners to be members. A few years ago the association became a 501(c)3 entity, which is a tax-exempt nonprofit organization. The nonprofit status allows for the possibility of dues being tax deductible. Since the reorganization, there has been a noticeable improvement in the amount of dues that the association collects. The financial statement is located in this issue of the newsletter. We are fortunate that we have been able to grow the association's cash balances for future needs.

An update on the issues that the RLIA deals with:

- Bishops Creek was dredged in the fall of 2016 in order to help improve navigation. The need for additional dredging is discussed annually.
- The annual sale around round is held on the first Saturday of June each year.
- The only other item currently on the agenda for the RLIA is to prepare and pay for the annual picnic the 2nd Saturday of June.

If you have any further questions please contact a board member or bring your questions to the annual picnic in June.

## HIGHWAY 371 PICKUP

Our spring Highway 371 pickup is scheduled for Saturday, May 19th. As in the past, we'll meet at the Geologic Marker on Highway 371, just south of the 371 Boat Access. There is parking there. Plan to meet between 8:15 and 8:30am; we'll start at 8:30. Pickup usually lasts for about 2 hours but you can leave early if necessary.

We'll provide "pick-up sticks"; which worked very well last year. You may wish to bring gloves. If you have any questions, please contact Judy or Ral DuBois at 218-270-2526.



# A Burning Problem

Courtesy of Minnesota DNR | Keith Goetzman

**Torching garbage has serious consequences for the environment—yet it's a Minnesota habit that's been hard to break.**

The little cabin on Sullivan Lake in Morrison County is trim and tidy, with a fresh coat of green paint, a meticulously mowed lawn, and a rock-rimmed fire ring that looks like a great place for a marshmallow roast. But as

spent shotgun shells onto campfires. They are cleaning out their barns and garages and basements and making bonfires of abandoned belongings. They are stacking up pallets way out back, setting them ablaze, and tossing an old couch on top—after midnight. Sometimes a landowner demolishes an entire house or building, burns the debris in a pit, then buries the ashes. The toxins produced by these burns add up to a major source of pollution.



This burn barrel does not meet Minnesota legal specifications; hardly any of them do. Burn barrels can be used to burn only yard waste, never garbage, and a burn permit is required for any burning between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
DNR PHOTOS

Paul Kuske, conservation officer for the Department of Natural Resources, hops out of his patrol truck for a closer look, the scene loses a bit of its luster: Singed bits of newspaper skitter across the grass, propelled by a late-summer breeze coming off the lake.

Rummaging through the ashes, Kuske soon identifies the remains of household garbage, including melted plastics. A brass nozzle protruding from a tubular chunk of charred material tells him that a garden hose was torched.

Burning things such as plastics and rubber releases the potent carcinogen dioxin and other toxic compounds into the air, soil, and water. Almost all garbage in the modern waste stream releases toxins when burned, and these toxins can harm human health as well as local wildlife and habitat. Garbage burning also starts wildfires every year in Minnesota.

All morning Kuske patrols the county, pointing out evidence of garbage burning in open fires and, more commonly, in burn barrels—usually repurposed 55-gallon drums. One barrel has boxes and garbage bags sticking out the top and an inventive PVC-tube air intake at the base. One is made from a clothes-dryer drum with ventilation holes blasted by bullets. Another, crammed with toy packaging and halfburned fireworks, looks like an old-fashioned woodstove. All are illegal.

Burning garbage, whether in a fire pit or a burn barrel, has been against the law for decades in this state. But it appears that many Minnesotans are still unaware, confused, or defiant when it comes to burning garbage. In a 2010 survey conducted by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 33 percent of rural Minnesotans said they sometimes burn trash. Kuske and MPCA inspector Jake Brady are two of the faces of the state agencies that enforce Minnesota burning laws.

## WHERE THERE'S SMOKE.

All across Minnesota, people are burning garbage. They are jamming cabin trash into barrels and igniting it like Grandpa did. They are tossing cans, bottles, bait containers, and

“The open burning of household waste here in Minnesota contributes to 50 percent of the known dioxins generated in the state,” says Henry Fisher, MPCA coordinator for illegal burning abatement. Nationally, garbage burning is the largest source of human-caused dioxin emissions, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Dioxins occur naturally but in much smaller and more dispersed amounts than those released when people burn plastics or chlorinated compounds. Dioxins are ubiquitous in the modern waste stream because plastics and chlorine are ubiquitous in modern consumer products and packaging. Even a sheet of lily-white paper emits dioxins when burned. “Chlorine is used to essentially bleach paper,” says Fisher. “It’s used to clean just about everything that we put out for consumption.”

Dioxins released by the low burning temperature of a garbage fire become airborne and land on land or water. They persist in the environment and bioaccumulate, ascending the food chain as they enter the bodies of successively larger animals. Human beings take in dioxins when eating fish, meat, and dairy products derived from creatures that have been exposed to the chemicals.

Dioxins, in addition to being carcinogenic, belong to the class of chemicals known as endocrine disruptors, which can harm human health in very small concentrations. “Studies have



shown that it also affects the reproductive aspects of fish and birds and mammals,” says Fisher. “Those dioxins don’t have to fall far from burn barrels that are out in the backyard, next to the lakeshore, to have an impact on the whole food chain.”

Trash burning can emit many other toxic compounds. Benzene, linked to leukemia, is in polystyrene-foam products such as coffee cups and packing foam. Formaldehyde is a carcinogen that can also irritate skin, eyes, nose, and throat. It is in pressed-board products such as plywood, particleboard, and fiberboard, often used in household furniture. Plastics and dyes may contain polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, also carcinogenic. Many other toxins join the mix if the burner tosses things like batteries, electronics, paints, or herbicides onto the pyre. And virtually any fire produces fine particulates that can enter lungs. If anyone is under the illusion that their trash fire is harmless, they are almost certainly wrong. As one awareness raising MPCA campaign says: “If you’re burning garbage, you’re making poison.”

**KNOW THE LAWS.** It’s pretty cut-and-dried what can and cannot be legally burned in Minnesota. A wood-fueled campfire is OK—pro-

vided it’s in a ring no more than 3 feet in diameter, the flames reach no higher than 3 feet, and a 5-foot area around the fire is cleared of combustible material. The only type of household waste that’s legal to burn is clean, unpainted, untreated wood scraps. If an area has a temporary burn ban because of dangerously dry conditions, no fires are allowed.

It’s also legal to burn brush such as dry leaves, plant clippings, and other yard waste if you obtain a permit to use either an open fire or a burn barrel constructed to legal specifications. (Local fire wardens and the DNR issue \$5 annual permits. A permit isn’t needed for any open fire if at least 3 inches of snow cover the ground or if you’re using a legal burn barrel between 6 p.m. and 8 a.m.)

In his 27 years as a conservation officer, Kuske has never seen a burn barrel built to legal specs. Most owners of illegal barrels, when questioned, say they use them only for yard waste. It usually only takes a peek inside to see otherwise.



It has been illegal to burn garbage in Minnesota since the 1980s. But as recently as 2010, nearly one in three rural residents said they still do so.

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Why do so many Minnesotans burn their trash? For many rural residents responding to that question on the MPCA's statewide burning survey, it comes down to "habit and convenience," says MPCA solid waste supervisor Mark Rust.

For many people, he says, it's an unexamined family practice to burn garbage at the cabin, rural home, or farm. Some claim they don't know the law, though it's been on the books since the 1980s. A few are well aware of the law and determined not to follow it. Some rural residents are a long way from garbage and recycling drop-off sites. Some say they can't afford the waste hauling fees in their area.

Several MPCA staff members work to raise awareness about illegal burning and address the barriers to proper waste disposal. They've produced fliers, web pages, and other materials stressing the harms of burning. They created a costumed character named Bernie the Burn Barrel for events. They work with county health officials and public health boards. One MPCA

initiative helped Chisago County implement a "burn barrel buy back" program. It invited residents to turn in their barrels, no questions asked, in return for a six month, half-off discount on garbage hauling.

In Lincoln and Redwood counties in southwestern Minnesota, Fisher worked with local officials and waste administrators to establish waste and recycling drop-off sites. The cost for the disposal is spread via a modest tax or fee throughout a township or county.

"It makes it affordable," says Fisher. "We found in those counties that if you implement a strategy that works with local communities and townships to provide convenient, affordable garbage collection and recycling, folks will no longer burn and they will participate."

**SPARKING CHANGES.** When DNR conservation officers and local law enforcement authorities write a ticket for illegal burning, it's typically a misdemeanor, with fines seldom topping \$2,000. The MPCA focuses on investigating larger-scale violations and can issue civil penalties starting at \$3,500. Spring and fall—when people tend to do cleaning, decluttering, and yard work—are the busiest periods.

Kuske takes a keen personal interest in trash burning. "It's a pet peeve of mine. I hate the smell of burning garbage," he says. "And it's incredible how much backyard burning goes on in this state."







For years, Kuske taught a class on illegal burning at the DNR's conservation officer training academy, urging recruits to take burning violations as seriously as those involving fish and game. He puts those lessons to use on his home turf, a central Minnesota county with many farms and rural residences as well as lake homes and cabins. "Morrison County has a real vast history of burning," he says.

On one Fourth of July weekend, Kuske came across a group of partiers ready to toss a match into a huge fire pit containing three mattresses and a livingroom chair. He has discovered burn barrels being used right next to propane tanks.

As Kuske drives around peeking into burn barrels, he also knocks on doors and chats with property owners, amiably reminding them that burning garbage isn't OK and discussing other options for disposal. Most are receptive, but a few seem guarded and uneasy. One man, after Kuske prods him for information about his trash burner, answers with a staged Germanic accent, only halfjokingly, "I know noth-ink."

Brady works in the part of the state where the MPCA investigates more illegal burning than anywhere else: the south. Based in Rochester, Brady covers a 20-county area. Only two counties in his area have enacted a "no-burn" resolution to close a loophole allowing farmers to burn agriculture-related waste. The loophole, say Brady and his colleagues, creates confusion about burning laws and fuels an erroneous perception that farmers and their rural neighbors can burn just about anything. Inspectors once found a charred horse carcass in the rubble of a garbage fire. Brady describes investigating a property that had become a dump-and-burn site for debris from foreclosed homes.

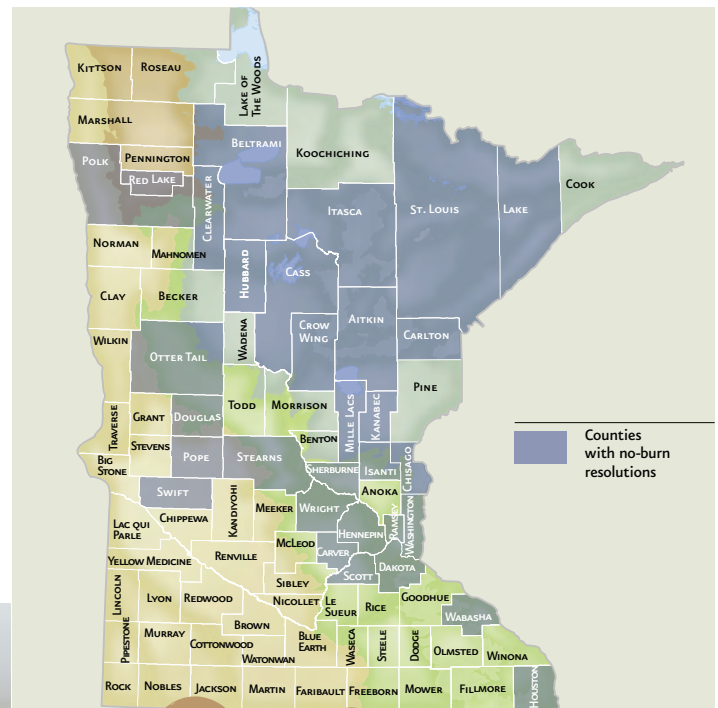
Most of Brady's tips about illegal burning come in by phone. Many tipsters are reporting their neighbors and don't want to

be identified. About half of the trash burners Brady investigates have valid burn permits to burn plant material or untreated wood, but they have violated permit terms by tossing garbage into the mix.

Unlike Kuske, Brady doesn't carry a badge or a sidearm, so he sometimes asks local law enforcers for backup when he senses that a confrontation with a burner might turn threatening. But most of the time, the young Marine veteran relies on his empathetic manner to get to the bottom of an investigation.

"When you start talking plastics and other kinds of toxic materials, most people understand it. And I'm pretty sure a majority of them know it's bad," says Brady. "Usually, by the end of the conversation, they're saying, 'We apologize, we didn't really understand the effects, we'll stop this now.'"

*(Editor's note: Crow Wing County bans burning of garbage.)*



# BURN

**Bans.** Of Minnesota's 87 counties, 31 have passed no-burn resolutions that ban all garbage burning and close a loophole that allowed farmers to burn agriculture-related waste. These resolutions help clear up confusion about burning laws and hold all citizens in the counties to the same standard. Some MPCA solid waste officials hope for statewide no-burn legislation.



# Music is in the Air

By Willard Hartup and Sharon Berman



Christian Reif and the LAMF Orchestra

A Round/North Long Lakes summer includes many more activities than those in and around the water. Arts and crafts exhibitions abound and, beginning ten years ago, classical music was added to the list. Scott Lykins, who grew up in Brainerd and trained at the Eastman School of Music, along with four colleagues and three recruits from Twin Cities orchestras, organized six free concerts during the summer of 2009. These concerts drew successively larger audiences over the summer and led directly to the continuation and enlargement of these programs -- now known as the Lakes Area Music Festival (LAMF). In each succeeding summer over the last ten years, the festival has been refined and enlarged, so that August is now a recurring time of great music in central Minnesota.

Concerts include chamber programs, recitals, dance, and symphony concerts with a range of soloists, cabaret, and an opera. In addition, festival artists schedule educational programs for both children and adults, master classes, and other outreach activities. Approximately 150 professional musicians now participate in the festival; drawn from the Metropolitan and Minnesota Operas, the Minnesota Orchestra, the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, and many others (e.g., the symphony orchestras of Cleveland, Dallas, San Francisco, Seattle, St. Louis, Milwaukee, Toronto, and Jacksonville). Musicians are not recruited through auditions but from recommendations by current artists; this includes all the instrumentalists, singers, soloists, conductors, and dancers as well as stage and costume designers and technicians.

Most programs are offered without ticket fees, ensuring that anyone interested in attending is able. Concerts are given at various venues around Brainerd, most frequently in Tornstrom Auditorium. In 2017, the total audience was about 14,000 persons and surveys indicate that 28% of these have no exposure to classical music outside the festival. Programs have ranged widely over symphonies and concertos from Haydn, Mozart, and Schubert to Dvorak, Strauss, Prokofiev, and Shostakovich.

Recent operas have included *Hansel and Gretel* (Humperdinck), *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Britten), *La Boheme* (Puccini), and *Carmen* (Bizet).

In its tenth year, the festival budget is nearing \$500,000, the majority of which goes to artistic costs including musician compensation and travel. Instead of charging for tickets, the festival asks for donations. Approximately 70% of the budget is covered by individual donors, about 20% from grants (including the National Endowment for the Arts; Minnesota State Arts Board; Five Wings Arts Council; Brainerd Lakes Area Community Foundation; the Athwin Foundation of Minneapolis; and the Hallett Charitable Trust; as well as others), and 10% through earned income.

But, from its beginning, the festival has been heavily dependent on the participation of the central Minnesota community. In addition to their financial contributions, over 300 volunteers house, feed, and transport musicians, usher, assist performances in various ways (e.g., construction of the opera set), and promote activities in their communities.

Festival highlights for the forthcoming season include:

- Community concert with local musicians (July 29)
- Symphony under the stars at Grand View Lodge with music by John Williams (Aug. 4)
- Family Concert: *Peter and the Wolf* (Prokofiev) and *Carnival of the Animals* (Saint-Saens) (Aug. 5)
- Chamber music by Haydn, Poulenc, and others (Aug. 8)
- Concert of American music with St. Paul Ballet in *Appalachian Spring* (Copland) (Aug. 11-12)
- Symphony concert featuring Bach, Dvorak, and Mendelssohn (Aug. 15)
- Grand opera: *The Magic Flute* (Mozart) (Aug. 18-19)
- Chamber concert with *Piano Concerto in G* (Ravel) and *Symphony No. 40* (Mozart) (Aug. 22)
- Symphonic finale: *Knoxville 1915* (Barber) and *Symphony No. 4* (Mahler) (Aug. 25-26)

For more information, please consult the festival's website [lakesareamusic.org](http://lakesareamusic.org). Here's to the continued success of the Lakes Area Music Festival and the enjoyment of our readers!

Photos courtesy of David Boran



Carolyn Sproule  
and Mackensie  
Whitney in  
*Carmen*  
(2017)

# Kitchen Garden Companions: *Red Zinnias and Butter Beans*

(Courtesy of Rhonda Flemming Hayes)

*Editor's Note: Rhonda Flemming Hayes is the author of "Pollinator Friendly Gardening: Gardening for Bees, Butterflies, and Other Pollinators". She also blogs at her Facebook page "The Garden Buzz".*

It sounds like the name of a cute cafe or perhaps a quaint kitchen shop but it happens to be one of my favorite combos from the kitchen garden this season:

One of my favorite vignettes in the kitchen garden this year, a combination of cauliflower 'Vitaverde' and red 'Moulin Rouge' zinnias planted through a row of butter beans in the spot where an earlier planting of peas had finished.

Bush type beans don't usually have a lot of visual pizzazz but these are taller and have little pale yellow (butter yellow) blossoms held high on their stems. I even spied a hummingbird sipping on one. Yes, that is another name for Lima beans. I am hoping the tender young homegrown ones will live up to their buttery name.

I can't say enough about those red zinnias (available from Renee's Garden Seeds), don't be afraid of red flowers, they are



such a cheerful addition to this edible landscape, and so, so popular with all of the pollinators.

The blue-green foliage of the cauliflower and then the charreusse heads are an eye-pleasing treat as well.



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# NOTICE

The North Long Lake Association has contracted to treat Curly Leaf Pondweed, an Aquatic Invasive Species in North Long Lake in 2018.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has granted the North Long Lake Association a waiver of the requirement that the association obtain the signatures of approval of owners of lakeshore property. Instead, the North Long Lake Association will notify property owners of the treatment through alternate forms. This notice is one form that the North Long Lake Association is using to notify property owners. Other forms may include but are not limited to notification through member email lists, website and or annual meeting.

### WITH REGARD TO THE TREATMENT FOR 2018:

❶ **The proposed date for treatment:** April 15, 2018 through June 1, 2018

❷ **The target species for the treatment:** Curly Leaf Pondweed

❸ **The method of control or product being used:** EPA and MDA registered aquatic herbicide: Endothall

❹ **How landowners may request that control not occur adjacent to the landowner's property:**  
If you desire that the treatment of Curly Leaf Pondweed not occur adjacent to your property, please notify the North Long Lake Association immediately at the following address and email address below:  
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The Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network



Photo: Carol Orand



# CoCoRaHS

## Because every drop counts!

### What is CoCoRaHS?

The Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network, is a non-profit, community based, network of volunteers who measure and report rain, hail and snow in their backyards.

### A Brief History

CoCoRaHS came about as a result of a devastating flash flood that hit Fort Collins, Colorado in July 1997. A very localized storm dumped over a foot of rain in several hours while other portions of the city had only modest rainfall. The ensuing flood caught many by surprise, caused \$200 million in damages, and resulted in five deaths. CoCoRaHS was born in 1998 with the intent of doing a better job of mapping and reporting intense storms. CoCoRaHS became a nationwide volunteer network in 2010 and is now international with observers helping provide critical precipitation observations, benefiting their country's needs.

### Volunteers of All Ages Welcome!

Individuals and family volunteers of all ages and all walks of life are the foundation of the CoCoRaHS network. Anyone can help. It only takes a few minutes to check the rain gauge and report your observations.

### Training: "The Key to Our Success"

It is important that all CoCoRaHS precipitation reports be accurate and consistent. Training is provided on how to install gauges, properly measure precipitation and transmit reports. CoCoRaHS precipitation reports are accurate and very useful.

### Simple Measuring Tools

Volunteers use high quality rain gauges. In some states, "hail pads" are used to study hail storms.

### Why is There so Much Interest in Rain, Hail and Snow?

Precipitation is essential for life. It varies greatly with topography, storm type and season. It

really is true that it may pour on one side of the street and be dry on the other. A portion of a field may be pounded by hail while others nearby receive no damage. Snowfall may pile up in one neighborhood and only dust another. Rain, hail and snow are fairly easy to measure, and the data collected are very important. Meteorologists, hydrologists, engineers, builders, farmers . . . you name it, everyone seems to care about rain, hail and snow. That's why we ask, "How much fell in your backyard?"

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## North Long Lake History

Courtesy of Art and Deb Johnson,  
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We have owned our cabin on the 371 bay for nine years. We purchased it from Lynn and Kay Hondo, who are currently living on the Merrifield Bay. Deb volunteers for the clothing committee and Art volunteers to measure water quality.

We originally thought that we would use our cabin as a weekend retreat for our family which at that time included two sons, Derek and Jeremy, who had recently graduated from college. We updated the cabin shortly after buying it, adding new siding and new windows. Our sons have since married. We have one granddaughter. All of our family members enjoy weekends at the lake. It became obvious that the cabin was too small to be comfortable for all of us to enjoy at the same time. Sometimes, if the weather was inclement, the cabin was too small for our family to spend time indoors. Therefore, we decided to make a major investment and remodel the cabin into a year round home. Our sons enjoy cabin life in the winter too. They love ice fishing and outdoor winter sports.

Remodeling the cabin allowed us to add an additional bedroom and bathroom, and to retain the things that we truly enjoyed about this building and this lot. The "new" cabin has a beautiful panoramic view of the lake. We have lots of windows that surround our large dining room and we were able to retain the old stone fireplace which for us was a focal piece for us to gather around and enjoy. It is not a large home, but it is a very comfortable space.

One piece of interesting historical information about our cabin was acquired quite by accident. One day a visitor came. He had come to show his wife where the cabin was that his grandfather had built. We offered him a tour and he thought that the cabin was just the way he remembered it. Of course that was before the last remodel. He told us his grandfather built the fireplace and allowed each grandchild to choose a rock to place in the space. He showed us which rock was his! The fireplace is now the only thing that remains in place from the old cabin.

Below are before and after pics of our cabin



## Random Observations on Fishing North Long Lake

By Jim Anderson

2017 was my first full year of fishing North Long Lake after retiring here in late summer of 2016. One of my retirement requirements was a lake that would provide daily opportunities to promote my insatiable need for catching fish. I had never fished North Long Lake before buying a place here and was basing all my optimism on DNR creels. This is a chronological tour of my first full year fishing the lake.

Like most fishermen I know, I have methods that have worked for me over the years and I had convinced myself that I knew better than anyone else. I have always been a leech and lindy rig fisherman since I moved to Minnesota 32 years ago.

I didn't have an unusually fast and furious opener weekend. Fishing with my brother from Indiana and my son, I only caught four keeper walleyes in two days. We caught a decent number of snake northern, which made my brother from Indiana happy, but I was disappointed. Two days later, my neighbor asked me to go fishing with him. We were fishing shallow on the big lake. He was using shiners and split shot, while I was using my trusty lindy with leeches. He caught five nice walleye and I caught one. I didn't need to be hit in the head with a 2 x 4. I went and bought shiners and caught some nice fish until the second week in June with the biggest being around 23 inches.

About that time, the fishing seemed to be slowing a little, so I made the change back to leeches and went deeper. I immediately started catching nice fish in eighteen to twenty three feet, especially along weed edges. The added benefit was catching many largemouth in the 17 to 20 inch range. Always been a walleye fisherman since moving to Minnesota, but a 19 inch largemouth is a lot of fun. There were times I would catch six walleye and six largemouth per pass at certain spots that will not be mentioned.

The second and third weeks of June on North Long were two of the best fishing weeks of my life. And I've got the photos to prove it (editor's note: we only had room for three photos). I always release any fish over 22 inches but found myself having to release everything since my wife's and my limits were full. It was perfect timing since I started catching a lot of big fish that I would have released anyway. The second week of June, I got a 28 inch and three 26 inch walleye. I also even tried to catch northern which was first for me and I caught a 32 and a 33 inch fish on spinner baits.

Things tapered off toward the end of June and catching fish was tougher. I still caught fish but it was definitely slower. I started trying other methods and had about the same success no matter what I tried, including jigs, crankbaits, and blade baits and plastics. The fish that I was catching still

seemed to be on the weed edges around 20 feet. This pattern lasted until the end of August. The one difference was I had a hard time catching keeper walleyes in August. I caught more small walleye (12-13 inch) and decent amount of 23 inch fish but I was no longer catching the 18 inch fish I like to eat.

In September, I started seeing the fish in deeper water on my graphs. They seemed to be in 32 to 36 feet. I spent a good amount of time trying to figure out how to get these fish to bite. Again, I gave them a lot of options and presentations but no luck. The only ones I could get to bite were still in the 18 to 22 foot range. I also figured out that minnows were again a better option than leeches. That may also be due to the fact that jumbo leeches were again very hard to find. I did get a few big fish again in October; one 27 inch and another 26 inch walleye. If I could find a little shallower water without dense weed cover, I also had some success there in October.

I was very pleased with my first full year of fishing on North Long. Even if the walleye are not biting, you can still find bass and you never have to go in skunked if you just want to catch small northern. It is also a great lake for kids to catch bluegills. The one thing I regret I cannot report on is the crappie bite. I know many people fish crappie exclusively and do very well, but I have not done it personally. If anyone would like to turn me onto the crappie spots and techniques, let me know. I also do not own a permanent ice house and this winter proved too windy and cold to brave the outside, so no observations on ice fishing either.

I write this article after only one year behind my belt. I hope to figure out a good August and September pattern next year. I also resolve to learn more about the crappie bite. If this first year is any indication of long term fishability of this lake, I am extremely happy that my wife found a house she could be happy with on North Long.



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This season our clothing was very popular at the annual picnic. We are happy to report that sales are up, and even happier to report we were able to nicely support our budget to combat AIS with our sales. We thank our members for their support.

If you wish to order any clothing over the winter season, you may contact Fran Cronin (763-427-5636 or [pfc1964@gmail.com](mailto:pfc1964@gmail.com)) or Deb Johnson (612-384-0895 or [dsj9956@gmail.com](mailto:dsj9956@gmail.com)). Orders take about two weeks to complete and if you are planning for a specific gift during the holidays, plan ahead to order, as that is the busy season for our suppliers as well.

As a reminder, please be thinking about any items that you would like to see as fund raisers for the picnic and let us know if you have an idea to share. Have a wonderful winter season and we will see you again at next year's annual picnic event.  
- Fran and Deb



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# BOAT PARADE!

Each year on the Fourth of July, lakeshore owners on the 371 Bay participate in a boat parade. Boats are decorated in a patriotic theme and circle the bay. It started in 2011, when Claire Esser (age 8 at the time) put out an informal call for lakeshore owners to participate – with the help of her mother and grandmother.

Claire’s great-grandmother Phyllis and great-grandfather George first purchased their cabin on 371 Bay in 1940. Phyllis was very ill in 2011 so Claire wanted to plan something special for her after having spent over 70 years on North Long Lake. And Claire thought it would be a great way to honor her great-grandfather, who was a Pearl Harbor survivor.

Phyllis was the Grand Marshall the first year if he Parade! She beamed with pride; it was her last July 4th celebration on the lake. About 15 boats participated that first year.

Fast forward to 2018. Claire is 15 now and still organizing the parade – and with less help from her mother and

grandmother. About 25-30 boats participate now - and not just boats from the 371 Bay. They circle the bay and show their spirit to other boats and to residents on their docks. Some boats distribute candy.

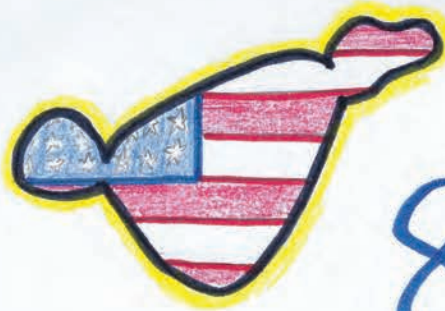
Boats from all of North Long Lake – decorated or not - are encouraged to participate in the event, which starts at 4pm. Spectators, whether ashore or afloat, are welcome too. There is a Facebook page (North Long Lake Independence Day Boat Parade) and an email will be sent to members in mid-June.

**Claire is looking for a veteran (or veterans) to lead the parade this year. If you would like to do so, or know someone who might, please send contact information to [newsletter@northlong.org](mailto:newsletter@northlong.org) and it will be passed along.**

Here are some photos from past parades:



Photos courtesy of Jackie Kottke and Stephanie Esser



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Takes place Wednesday, July 4th at 4:00p.m. All are welcome! Meet in front of the Esser's (South side of 371 Bay) Feel free to decorate your boat!



Any Questions?

Call Claire at 651-249-7004

Look at our Facebook group "North Long Lake Independence Day Boat Parade"



Poster courtesy of Clair Esser

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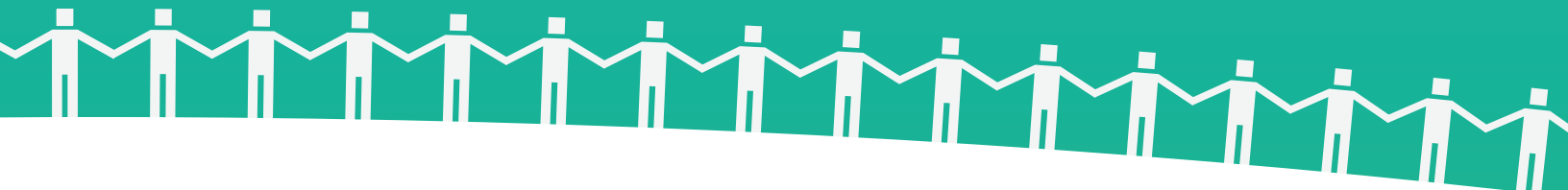
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# North Long Lake MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By Jim Voiss, Treasurer



First, a quick recap of the 2017 North Long Lake Membership. The Membership roster finished 2017 with 417 dues paying members, eclipsing the previous high of 402 in 2016. And 238 of the 417 members also contributed to the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Fund, also a record number.

The 2018 Membership drive kicked off in early January. Through March 30, 2018 we have 350 paid memberships, on pace with a year ago.

Of the 350 paid memberships, 219 also contributed to the AIS Fund. Contributions to the AIS Fund are used specifically to combat aquatic invasive species. There is no bigger threat to the quality of our lake than AIS and these contributions are especially important.

A special thanks to the 14 new members and the 8 returning members (those who paid previously but not in 2017). And as always, a heartfelt thanks to the backbone of our lake association, those who continue to support the lake association year after year.

As of March 30, we have not received renewals from 89 of our 2017 members. THE ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOU!! If you have not yet responded, please take a few minutes to return your dues statement along with your dues. If you have misplaced your form, cut out and return the form included in this newsletter.

Also included in this newsletter is a list of the members that have paid their 2018 dues (REGULAR MEMBERS) and a list of those who paid their 2018 dues AND contributed to the AIS Fund (DONOR MEMBERS). Membership renewals received after March 30 will be added to the membership roster printed in the Fall 2018 newsletter.

Thanks for your support and have a great summer enjoying our beautiful lake!!

## NORTH LONG LAKE ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL REPORT

### 2017 Comparative Income Statement

### Comparative Balance Sheet

<u>Income</u>	2016	2017
Membership Dues	\$ 14,140	\$ 14,490
Member AIS Donations	10,091	10,795
AIS Grants -CWC, DNR & 30 Lakes	-	-
NLLA Logo Merchandise Sales	1,224	1,825
All Other Income	585	737
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 26,039</b>	<b>\$ 27,847</b>
<u>Expense</u>		
AIS: Watercraft Inspections	\$ 3,330	\$ 5,511
AIS: Curly Leaf Treatment	4,830	5,535
Water Testing	1,977	1,962
Postage & Mailing Costs	1,312	1,286
Donations & Memberships	600	1,002
Cost of NLLA Logo Merchandise	902	1,363
Website	788	157
Annual Meeting/Picnic	786	572
Liability Insurance	450	867
Memberships	400	300
All Other Expense	32	1,401
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>15,408</b>	<b>19,956</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 10,632</b>	<b>\$ 7,892</b>

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<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash	\$ 58,593	\$ 66,485	\$ 7,892
Other Assets	-	-	-
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 58,593</b>	<b>\$ 66,485</b>	<b>\$ 7,892</b>
<u>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</u>			
Liabilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<u>Equity</u>			
General Fund	\$ 65,518	\$ 73,661	\$ 8,143
AIS Fund	(6,925)	(7,176)	(251)
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$ 58,593</b>	<b>\$ 66,485</b>	<b>\$ 7,892</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>\$ 58,593</b>	<b>\$ 66,485</b>	<b>\$ 7,892</b>

Membership income reached an all time high in 2017 consistent with the all time high of 417 dues paying members. Members also contributed \$10,795 designated to fight aquatic invasive species (AIS). As recently as 2015, the State, Crow Wing County and Thirty Lakes Watershed District provided a combined \$8,000 in AIS funding. This outside funding was not available in 2016 & 2017, highlighting the importance of the year-in and year-out AIS donations from our members. Spending on the prevention and curtailment of AIS remains the Association's largest category of expense, and it will remain as such for the foreseeable future. The "All Other Expense" category in 2017 includes the purchase of some new equipment for the 371 Highway Cleanup (\$158), renewal of the Association's 501(c)3 tax exempt status (\$850) and the purchase of materials to anchor the monster bog (\$323). Your Association remains in a solid financial position with over \$66,000 in cash at December 31, 2017. The Association carefully tracks AIS designated donations and related spending on AIS. As shown in the equity section of the balance sheet, cumulative spending on AIS has exceeded AIS donations by \$7,176, confirming that every dollar contributed for AIS (plus some general fund dollars) has been spent on AIS.

# North Long Lake

## 2018 MEMBERSHIP DUES STATEMENT

The NLLA Board of Directors trust that you find your contribution to the association a worthy investment. Our organization leads the effort to control and limit non-native species, we monitor lake water quality, and we represent you – the North Long Lake resident – with regulatory bodies that impact our lake. The more members we enroll, the better we can continue these efforts. NO OTHER ORGANIZATION IS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WELFARE OF NORTH LONG LAKE.

And please be as generous as you can with contributions to the Invasive Species Fund. This is the only resource we have for “in kind” support for boat inspections and invasive species treatment. Remember that we are a 501(3)c organization; your invasive species donations are TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

Dues and Invasive Species contributions are on a calendar year basis. *Thank you!!*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Lake address: \_\_\_\_\_

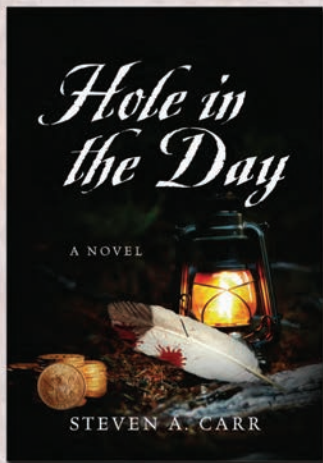
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Lake Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**2018 dues: \$35.00**  
+ Invasive Species Fund \_\_\_\_\_

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Round Lake Improvement Association  
Round Lake Improvement District

# Annual Meeting & Summer Picnic

Nisswa Community Center  
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Saturday, June 9, 2018 -Starting at 12:00 noon

**Bring the family - Bring your grandchildren.  
Meet Your Neighbors? Great Bar-B-Que!  
Please bring a dish to pass around!**

The location for the annual meeting and picnic will be at the Nisswa Community Center. The association will provide pulled pork as we have done in the past. We hope to see many of you there.

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# Sale Around Round

## Saturday, June 2, 2018

Participation cost only \$5.00!!

Everyone living on County Road 115 is invited to participate!

Garage sale shoppers look forward to this BIG sale! Clean out that basement, garage and closet and sell your treasures to someone else. If you would like to participate, please fill out the form below and return it along with your check for \$5.00 payable to the Round Lake Association. A garage sale sign will be delivered to you which will identify you as a paid participant in this event. The money we collect is used to pay for advertising and signs. This is meant to be a break even event for us. If you have any questions, call Linda Esser, 963-2752.

**Please mail your check for \$5.00 with this form by Friday, May 25, 2018 to  
RLIA, PO Box 378, Nisswa, MN 56468**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Address \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## ROUND LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Contributions Received 9/23/2017 thru 3/22/2018

### OWL (\$25 to \$49.99)

Cinosam Club  
Ellingson, Ben & Bette  
Goers, Bill & Vicky  
Hastings, Tim & Darlene  
Houle, Bob & Pam  
Liudahl, Nan  
Lofgren, Mona  
Ludenia, Bill & Kathy  
Meyer, James  
Olson, Suzette  
Pappenfus, Gary & Becky  
Paulson, Kathy  
Rawlings, Randy  
Retka, John & Denise  
Ronlund, Linda  
Sauro, Mike & Vickie  
Simon, Jay & Carol  
Steen, Nancy  
Trocke, Dean & Paula  
Wiegand, Tom and Amy  
Woessner, Don & Mary Kay

### HAWK (\$50 - \$74.99)

Allen, Harvey & Catherine  
Alsleben, Jerry & Jane  
Bell, Bud & Cindy  
Bell, John & Susan  
Dalzell, Kent & Connie  
Devlin, Jack & Suzi  
Friesen, Bruce & Carol  
Gruber, Jason & Deb  
Harstad, Glen & Kirsten

Keller, Dan & Sarah  
Larson, Wayne & Yvonne  
Larson, David & Catherine  
McGuire, Tom & Jo  
McKelvey, Richard  
Niebur, Mike & Susan  
Oscarson, Dennis & Mary  
Pappenfus, Gregory & Joyce  
Quist, Bob  
Ruedisili, Todd & Deb  
Rusnacko, Robert  
Smith, Ron & Carol  
Wernberg, Kevin & Kathy  
Wrede, Robert & Anne  
Yaeger, Geary & Mary K

### OSPREY (\$75 - \$99.99)

Eckroad, Richard  
Kjorlien, Marilyn  
Mickelson, Keith & LuAnn  
Phillips, Kathie  
Ubl/Norlander, Dave & Susan

### EAGLE (\$100 or more)

Baker, Bill & Diane  
Bickel, Lois  
Bosacker, Pat  
Burman, Jeff & Beverly  
Clough, Steve & Cindy  
Colby, Steve & Kristi  
Engelman, Paul & Wendy  
Erickson, Bev  
Falls, Doug and Marie

Field/Frye, Vicki & Rodd  
Gunderson, Don & Patty  
Jarabek, Dennis & Janelle  
Lahl, Andy & Rebecca  
Lake, Lisa  
Larson, Steve & LuJean  
Ludtke, Craig & Brenda  
Maki, Jim & Diane  
Moen, Rolf & Diane  
Moore, Tom & Kitty  
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Van Essen, Mark  
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Waldron, Jerry & Nikki  
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# Round Lake Board Vacancies

This year the Round Lake Improvement Association and the Round Lake Improvement District have 4 board openings: Steve Clough, Eric Davidge, Paul Etzell, & Mike Zauhar have completed their terms. The RLIA/RLID would like to thank each of them for their commitment to the organization and all of their work and wish them all the best in the future. We are happy to announce that all 4 have agreed to accept nominations for another three year term.

It should be pointed out that the Annual Picnic/Meeting on June 9, 2018 is for both the RLIA and the RLID. In accordance with Minnesota statutes, lake improvement districts must open their board elections and annual meetings to all property owners. In addition, provisions must be made for the casting of ballots for those not able to attend the annual meeting. Candidates who have agreed to accept nominations are listed on the ballot, and we will accept write-in candidates. The current board members thank those on the ballot for offering their services to our association/district.

*Mail-in ballots must be received by June 1, 2018.*

Please remember, it is one vote per property, not one vote per person. Be sure to include your address so we can validate your ballot. Additional nominations for board positions will be accepted from Round Lake property owners at the annual meeting. However, please obtain prior approval from the nominee if they will not be in attendance.

## ROUND LAKE BOARD MEMBER BALLOT

Vote for 4     Steve Clough     Eric Davidge     Paul Etzell     Mike Zauhar

Voter's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to: Round Lake Ballot, PO Box 378, Nisswa, MN 56468**



**Photos from the 2017 Round Lake Annual Meeting**

**ROUND LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**  
For the Period of 1/1/2017 - 12/31/2017

Cash Balance as of 1/1/17	\$86,219.94	Description	Vendor	Date
Revenues:				
	\$556.36	Jan 2017 settlement	CWC	1/31/16
	\$4,999.00	CLP Grant	DNR	9/15/17
	\$19,922.03	July 2016 settlement	CWC	7/31/17
	\$460.00	Dividend from MCIT	MCIT	11/16/17
	<u>\$14,782.42</u>	December settlement	CWC	12/31/17
Total Revenues	\$40,719.81			
Expenditures:				
	\$250.00	2016 LID Annual Admin Fee	CWC	1/3/16
	\$1,715.00	Insurance	MCIT	1/10/17
	\$173.00	Summer TSI analysis	AWResearch	4/6/17
	<u>\$27,875.77</u>	CLP treatment	Lake Restoration Inc	6/12/17
Total Expenditures:	\$30,013.77			
Cash Balance as of 12/31/17	\$96,925.98			

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- Wallace Stevens



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**ROUND LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
Net Worth - As of 3/22/2018

<u>ASSETS</u>	Balance as of 6/30/17	Balance as of 3/22/18
Cash and Bank Accounts:		
CD BlackRidge 403596	15,317.64	25,386.39
CD Designated Funds Dredging	8,935.01	8,977.35
Checking	10,023.02	17,071.14
Savings	28,107.53	18,136.53
Svngs Dredging Funds	100.52	100.52
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	62,483.72	69,671.93
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>62,483.72</b>	<b>69,671.93</b>
 <u>LIABILITIES</u>		
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
 <b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	 <b>62,483.72</b>	 <b>69,671.93</b>

**ROUND LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
Banking Summary- 7/1/2017 through 3/22/2018

<u>INCOME</u>	
Interest Inc	\$102.17
Interest Inc: Dredging Funds	\$42.34
TOTAL Interest Inc	\$144.51
Membership Dues	\$7,410.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$7,554.51</b>
 <u>EXPENSES</u>	
mailbox fee	\$52.00
Misc	\$25.00
Picnic	\$12.41
Postage (Stamps,etc)	\$26.89
Professional Fees	\$250.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$366.30</b>
 <b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	 <b>\$7,188.21</b>



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# MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

ROUND LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION - 2018/2019

It is that time of the year to renew your membership in our association. Since our fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30, membership will be for the same time period. In the past, some members have renewed on a calendar year basis. For the sake of simplifying our record keeping, we are asking all members to renew at this time of the year. We will no longer have a membership renewal article in our fall newsletter.

Our membership categories are as follows: Owl \$25 - \$49.99 | Hawk \$50 - 74.99 | Osprey \$75 - 99.99 | Eagle \$100 or more

All contributions will be acknowledged in our newsletter.

If you have a question regarding your membership payment, please contact Linda Esser, 963-2752 or essersplace@charter.net

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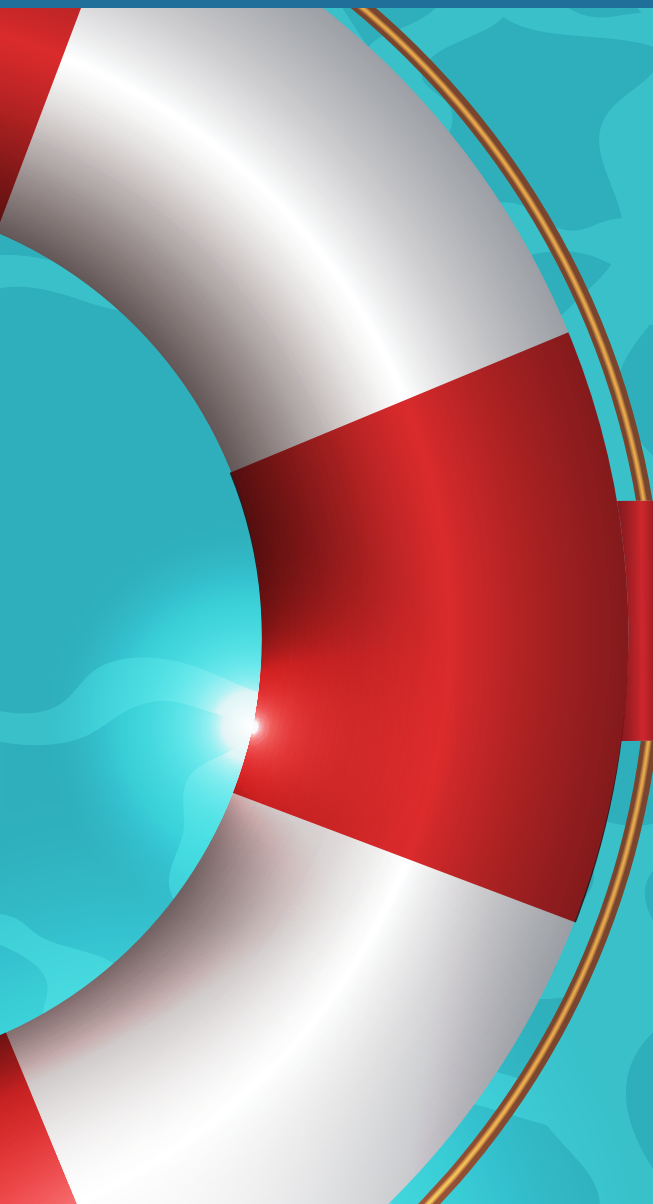


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**The North Long Lake Association, in conjunction with the Crow Wing County Water Patrol, plans to offer a Boat and Water Safety Class this summer. This class will teach youths 12-17 the fundamentals of safe boat operation and prepare them for the Minnesota youth watercraft operator's permit.**

**Details are being finalized and will be announced by email when available. Space will be limited.**