



Community Thanks John Brown for 36 years of Service to Long Lake

With over 36 years to Station 10 and Long Lake Township, John Brown retired from Active duty in April. John's service to the community began in March, 1979 as a Firefighter at Station 10. From 1979-2009 he served in a volunteer capacity as both Firefighter and Medical First Responder. Grand Traverse Rural Fire Chief, Bill Sedlacek appointed John to the rank of Battalion Chief in 2007. In 2009 John began working as Long Lake's first full-time Station Officer, manning the station during the weekdays. In this position, John both led and mentored Station 10 firefighters.

During his service to Long Lake, John instituted a Paid-On-Call program ensuring firefighters are always available for Fire, Rescue and EMS responses in

Long Lake 24/7, 365 days a year. Additionally, John worked as the Grand Traverse Rural Fire Department Water Supply Officer, obtaining a favorable Insurance Services Office Fire Suppression rating for Long Lake in 2006-2007.

In 2009, he coordinated the effort to place Marine 10 in service, enabling responses to water and fire emergencies on Long Lake. Under his watch, EMS training services were brought in-house to Station 10, allowing station members to perform EMS training together.

Over the years in service to our community, John has missed many family events while responding to countless day and night time calls for service, helping our residents in times of great need. His unending dedication to the community coupled with his vast fire service experience has earned him great respect amongst his fellow firefighters and Township.

As a community, together we salute John for his 36 years of service and dedication to ensuring public safety in Long Lake. All the best to you John!

Greetings from your firefighters at Station 10! We would like to wish you a happy and safe summer season. Please help us to help you in an emergency. Finding your address can be difficult if your house numbers are not reflective and clearly visible from the road. Take a moment to verify that you can locate your mailbox and house numbers easily from the road during both day and night. Critical time is lost in an emergency if we cannot quickly locate your address.

Please keep fire and water safety in mind as you plan your summer activities. This is typically the time of year when we respond to serious injury accidents and fires related to unsafe use of recreational vehicles and outdoor power tools. During wildfire season, we would like to remind you to check the Michigan DNR website: <http://www.michigandnr.com/burnpermits/> as there are many burn restrictions in Long Lake Township. Just a short period with little rainfall and high winds can lead to very serious fire conditions.

We are looking for residents to join our organization. We provide all fire-fighting and EMS training. If you are interested in helping your community, please give us a call. Our station is staffed from 6am to 6pm Monday thru Friday and we can be reached at (231) 947-4096 for non-emergency questions. Dial 911 for emergencies.

Have a great summer! Lt. Chris Magiera

Kudos to Brad Oleson

For mooring the Station 10 Fire Boat at his residence on Long Lake. He not only sees to the boat's safekeeping in the summertime, but he transports it to and from the storage area and makes sure it is in good running condition. Many thanks to Brad for his generosity.

Township Office Information

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New Parking at Timbers Natural Area

Fundraising was completed last year and the Timbers Natural Area is now available to the public. The former Timbers Girl Scout Camp can be accessed from North Long Lake Road via Timbers Trail, approximately 1 mile west of East Long Lake Road. A new parking lot has been constructed off of Timbers Trail, with access to the Timber's trailhead. The Timbers offers over 250 acres to explore of the historic camp, and unique ecosystems including nearly 9,000 feet of shoreline on Long Lake, Fern Lake and Page Lake. The Timbers offers opportunities for hiking, cross country skiing, fishing, and more.

ZBA Meetings

1st Tuesday of each month @ 6 pm

Planning Commission Meetings

4th Tuesday of each month @ 6 pm

Zoning News

It must be spring as we are seeing decks, fences, and sheds popping up everywhere. With the warm weather people are out doing those home improvement projects that they were dreaming about all last winter. Don't let the cold wind of your Township Ordinance Enforcement Officer, Loyd Morris, cool your enthusiasm by paying you a visit for not having a Land Use Permit.

A Land Use Permit (LUP) is basically a stamp of approval from the Township stating that you are meeting the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance for your particular zoning district in the use of your property. It includes such details as setbacks from your lot line or waterfront, heights, size of the structure, etc. You'll want to pay special attention to these details; it's much better to follow the rules the first time than to have to re-do your project.

You will not need a LUP for any fence four feet and under that you can see through (chain link, picket etc.), but once they sprout up above 48 inches, you are required to have a LUP and there are setbacks to meet. Decks will also need a LUP especially if they are in the 50 foot waterside set back on a lake.

If you are planning a storage shed remember that for anything 100 sq. ft. (10' x 10') or less, you will not need a LUP, but you will need to abide by certain setbacks. Once a structure goes beyond 100 square feet then you will need a LUP; and if it grows to more than 200 sq. ft. you will also need a County Building Permit. This includes the tent garages and metal carports sold at local home stores and on line.

Save yourself some time and money by researching all restrictions and requirements before beginning any project. And as always, if you have any questions regarding Land Use, please contact Kim Smith, your friendly Zoning Administrator, at 946-2249.

Treasurer's Report by Trish Mehney, MiCPT

Please take a few minutes to review our web site at www.longlaketownship.com. Under the "Treasurer" drop down on the right; you can:

- Find my e-mail and phone number if you have questions or concerns.
- View or pay your taxes on line (note: there is a 3% charge for on line credit card payments; this fee goes directly to the bank not the Township). You can also print tax receipts for prior payments (just click on view/pay taxes online and follow the directions). This information is free to property owners after setting up an account. Remember that receipts are no longer sent automatically when taxes are paid unless requested by the taxpayer.
- Access dates for paying taxes. Summer tax bills will be mailed by July 1, 2015 and are due by September 15, 2015. ALL summer deferment forms need to be filled out every year by Sept. 14th and these deferred taxes are due by February 16, 2016. Winter tax bills will be mailed by December 1, 2015 and are due by February 16, 2016. I will accept payments with postmarks on these dates. I will be collecting delinquent tax payments in my office through March 1, 2016 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. I will only accept postmarks for these payments through February 28, 2016. All property taxes (exceptions following) will be turned over to the Grand Traverse County Treasurer after March 1st and will have to be paid at the Governmental Center in Traverse City. *Exceptions:* Property taxes starting with the numbers 28-08-898 and 28-08-900 will continue to be collected here at the Township Offices. Please call me if you have any questions (231-946-2249). Thank you, have a safe summer!

Parks & Recreation Department

The current leaders of the Friends of the Parks are listed below. If you are interested in helping out at our parks, please don't hesitate to contact me or you can also contact individual park leaders.

South Long Lake Natural Area – Jake Kaberle at 922-9484, e-mail jakekaberle@gmail.com

Cedar Run Creak Natural Area – Shirley Mesch at 499-1318, e-mail smesch5@hotmail.com

Bullhead Lake Natural Area – Rondi Fry at 517-927-6725, (no current e-mail at this time)

Taylor Park – Glen Gravette – 946-7256, e-mail glenster63@yahoo.com

Gilbert Park – Josh Ruch – 421-5683, e-mail jruch99@yahoo.com

Fisher Run – Mark Cerny at 709-6620, e-mail mcerny7421@aol.com

If you have any general questions or comments regarding our parks, please don't hesitate to contact me at the number below.

A **“SPECIAL THANK YOU”** to all of you who have been diligently working to improve the quality of our Parks!!! We have had many volunteers helping with clearing trails, cutting up fallen trees, building or repairing bridges, placing posts for signs, placing boundary signs, cleaning and refurbishing existing signs, along with many other projects that are underway for the coming summer. We have also had our Eagle Scouts building benches and working on trails in some of our Parks.

We are now required to have all volunteers fill out a waiver form. Waiver forms can be found on our website - longlake-township.com or picked up here at our office. If you are currently volunteering or plan to volunteer in our parks, please fill this form out and drop it off at the Township offices as soon as possible. Thank you.

We have officially added the Timbers Recreation Area to our Township Parks and we are currently working on a management plan. Watch for scheduled meetings on our website. Your opinion is important to us. New updated Parks Maps are available here at the Township offices and various park locations.

We now have additional parking here at Haywood Park (Township Hall location). The existing parking on the northeast side of the ball diamonds has been paved and marked and a new parking lot has been created off of Manhattan Drive with a walking path leading to the park. We also have a new drinking fountain and bottle filling station located between the picnic shelters that is handicap accessible.

We will also be starting construction on a parking area off of Tucker Road to serve the Cedar Run Creek Natural Area thanks to a grant from the MDNR Trust Fund.

Residents and visitors are urged to call the Township regarding issues with dogs at Township parks. Call the Sheriff's Department (231-922-4550) or Marine Patrol (231-922-2112) if you witness any other potential problems at any of our parks.

Thank you, Trish Mehney (Township Treasurer and Parks & Recreation Chair) (231) 946-2249 ext: 206

Long Lake Township Owned Beaches

Gilbert and Taylor Park beaches will once again be monitored for E-COLI every Wednesday from June 24th to September 2nd. A DEQ grant for the monitoring was acquired through the Watershed Center Grand Traverse Bay. For added safety precautions at the beaches of Gilbert, Taylor, and The Timbers, we have added a rescue station which includes a life ring, throw rope and instructional signage. Funding for the stations was supplied through a grant from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.

National Flood Insurance Program

Since 1986, Long Lake Township has participated in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Properties on Long Lake in Long Lake Township are subject to the NFIP. Not all lakes in the Township are covered by the NFIP. The other water bodies in the township that are regulated by the NFIP are Ruth, Bass, Mickey, Coffield, North Twin, South Twin, Huellmantel, and Dyer Lakes.

Recent changes in mortgage lending policies have resulted in higher flood insurance premiums for many homeowners. Where a property owner can show that a structure, lot, or a portion of a lot would not be inundated by flood waters because they are positioned above the base flood elevation for that water body, submittal of a Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA) to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) may result in lower flood insurance premiums for that individual property. An eLOMA is a web-based application that allows a licensed land surveyor or professional engineer to request a LOMA on your behalf. For qualifying applicants, the eLOMA offers the fastest response to a LOMA request. Visit <https://hazards.fema.gov> for additional information about the eLOMA.

Your Elected Officials

Karen Rosa	Supervisor
Carol Hoffman	Clerk
Patricia Mehney	Treasurer
Dave Garvin	Trustee
John Linnerson	Trustee
Duane Schaub	Trustee
Dan Wagner	Trustee

Election Results

Precinct	1	2	3
Voted in person	360	436	506
Voted Absentee	<u>144</u>	<u>237</u>	<u>265</u>
Totals	504	673	771
Registered Voters	2304	2259	2616
% of Voters	22%	30%	29%
Township %	27%		

Township Office Staff

Leslie Hays	Admin. Assistant
Angela Friske	Assessor
Kim Clark	Assessor Assistant
Ronda Robinson	Deputy Clerk
Betty Dell	Deputy Treasurer
Loyd Morris	Ordinance Enforcement Off.
Kim Smith	Zoning Administrator
Leslie Sickterman	Planner
Jim Saunby	Parks & Maint. Superintendent
Shelley Evans	Senior Program Director

Township Board Meetings

2nd Tuesday of each month @ 6 pm

Land Division Meetings

1st Thursday of each month @ 10:00 am

Veterans Memorial Service 2015

Thank you to all who participated in our annual Veterans Memorial Service on May 22, 2015. Our ceremony to honor our veterans laid to rest in Linwood Cemetery is always an awesome and heartfelt ceremony, renewing our awareness of the true meaning of Memorial Day and the sacrifices that have been made for our freedom. A special thank you to Moomer's Homemade Ice Cream and Long Lake Grocery for their donations to our luncheon. Thanks to the volunteers, elected officials and staff members who participated in the service as well as prepared and served the food for our Veteran's families, friends and participants. A video of this years service is on our website, www.longlaketownship.com

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP IN PLACING THE FLAGS AND MARKING OUR VETERAN'S GRAVESITES BEFORE OUR SERVICE, PLEASE CALL RONDA AT 946-2249.

Long Lakers Senior Group

Long Lake Township continues to coordinate the "Long Lakers" whose mission is to provide social and educational opportunities for our residents over 60. We want to keep everyone inspired, involved, and active together with luncheons, exercise, summer and winter (indoor) bocce ball, pickle ball and monthly local events. Look for our activity calendar on the web at www.longlaketownship.com or call the Long Lake Senior Director, Shelley Evans, at 231-631-4479. A special *Thank You* to the Grand Traverse Commission on Aging for help in funding the Long Lakers activity programs.



Consumers Energy

Consumers Energy is upgrading electric meter technology across the state for its 1.8 million electric customers through 2017. The technology being used will allow text-type messages to be sent from meters once per day, letting the company know how much energy has been used. The upgrades will virtually eliminate physical meter reads and estimated bills. Direct power outage notifications from meters to Consumers Energy will begin in 2016. Customers will also be able to go online to see their hourly energy use and predict what bills will be before they arrive. Long Lake Township Customers will receive blue postcard mailers from the company by mid-June, with meter upgrades occurring by the end of July for Consumers Energy customers – mostly in the eastern half of the township. Consumers Energy has more information on its website at consumersenergy.com/smartenergy.