


LONG LAKE liaison

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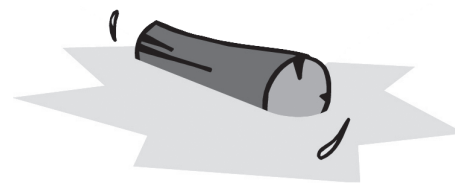
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Pondweeds ...continued

It should be noted: These plants have rhizomes and seeds that will continue to sprout, and the effort to reduce and manage the density of plants in the lake will be an ongoing management challenge.

The areas to be treated in 2010 were still being decided at the time this publication went to press; however, those areas treated in 2009 that did not achieve the desired result can be treated again in 2010. If you have any questions, please contact your neighborhood representative listed in this newsletter.

Please Don't Dump Debris



Winter winds and high water levels can free large wooden objects and logs that have been stuck under water. If you see material floating in the water, please pull it out and dispose of it properly instead of pulling it to another area of the lake.

If the debris is too much for you to handle, perhaps you could seek help from a neighbor or secure it with a rope until conditions improve or help arrives.

Loans for Septics

Did you know low-interest loans are available to Thurston County homeowners who have failing septic systems? No income restrictions apply. Grants are also available for some situations. Call Debra Baker (867-2628) at the Thurston County Public Health and Social Services Department for details and an application.

Top Septic System Tips

1. Inspect and pump septic systems regularly.
2. Use water efficiently.
3. Don't put dangerous chemicals in sinks or toilets.
4. Care for your drainfield.



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Also see the "lakes" button on
www.co.thurston.wa.us/wwm

The Long Lake Liaison is published by the Thurston County Resource Stewardship Department to provide information to members of the Long Lake Management District.

LMD Renewal Due Soon

By Penny Thomas, LMD Steering Committee

The Long Lake Management District (LMD) is a form of special-service district within Thurston County, formed by lake-area property owners to raise funds for specified lake management activities, such as aquatic weed control, water-quality management and other issues. LMDs have been formed for periods ranging from two to five years on Long Lake, Pattison Lake, Summit Lake and Lake Lawrence.

An LMD is approved by county commissioners and property owners through a mailed ballot. Property owners are granted one vote for each dollar they would be assessed under the proposed LMD. An LMD can be established for a specified period of up to 10 years.

The Long Lake LMD was originally formed in 1987. Over the years, our LMD has accomplished many important goals, including cleaning up a massive Eurasian milfoil infestation that nearly choked off the lake in the early 1980s. More recently, the LMD has developed and implemented a comprehensive plan to manage aquatic nuisance and noxious plants and address other water-quality issues.

Your LMD is directed by a Steering Committee consisting of two volunteers from each of the 11 neighborhoods designated by charter. (Please see page 2 for a map.)

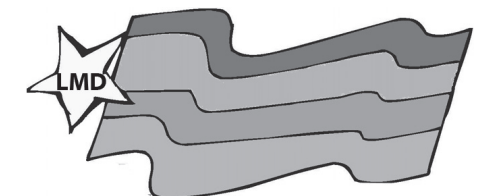
Residents of
Hicks and Pattison lakes,
please read page 4

What happens next?

Every five years, the Long Lake LMD must be renewed through a process that includes gathering petition signatures from property owners supporting formation of the new LMD, a public hearing, approval by Thurston County, and finally a vote of property owners within the boundaries of the LMD. The entire process takes about six months.

The Steering Committee is preparing a new petition for the property owners' initiative. You will begin seeing members going door-to-door in January-February to gather signatures and answer questions. A community open house is also planned to showcase the LMD's work and talk about future plans. More details will follow in coming months.

If you have questions, contact your LMD officers or Steering Committee representative. You will also find great information on the Thurston County website at: www.co.thurston.wa.us/stormwater/Lakes/General_Lake/LMD.htm. (You must type in the entire address.)



LMD Steering Committee

We meet the fourth Tuesday of each month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Lacey Community Center, 6729 Pacific Ave. S.E.

Afflerbaugh Island

Janet Boyd 456-2066
Penny Thomas (recorder) 438-3811

Holmes Island

Bill Joplin (President) 456-2072
Position vacant

Lake Forest

Position vacant
Position vacant

Lakeridge/Panorama Point

Mark Groening 438-6648
Position vacant

Long Lake Drive North

Wayne Hardy 491-1101
Rocky Van Scyoc 455-9335

Long Lake Drive South/Arbors

Ronald Lyse 412-1531
Position vacant

Mayes Road

Ken Kanikeberg 456-3479
Position vacant

Timberlake

Jerry Bennett 491-2981
Yvonne Shevalier 455-0432

Reflection Point/20th Ave.

Tom Grimm 491-4842
Tom Gaetz 943-5075

Shorewood Villa/Carpenter Road

Burt Pride 491-3228
Position vacant

Walthew Drive/Kyro Road

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Position vacant

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We Need You!

By Doug Karman, Vice President, LMD Steering Committee

We need to fill several vacancies on your Steering Committee so all neighborhoods are fully represented.

- ◆ Shorewood Village/Carpenter Road – needs a Carpenter Road representative
- ◆ Walthew Drive/Kyro Road – needs a Walthew Drive representative
- ◆ Holmes Island – needs a second representative
- ◆ Lake Forest – needs two representatives
- ◆ Lakeridge/Panorama Point – needs a Panorama Point representative
- ◆ Long Lake Drive South/Arbors – needs a second representative

Please consider volunteering your time. It only requires one evening a month, plus time to read materials and occasionally meet on a lake tour. Your input may just improve Long Lake!



Long Lake Neighborhoods



Water Levels...continued

The Committee discussed various mitigation options with Lacey, which would only be implemented if the water level falls below a set threshold or action level. Ideas for mitigation include: 1) increase monitoring of lake water quality and levels with data loggers for each lake; 2) develop plans to supplement lake levels with reclaimed water; 3) establish a bond to repair bulkheads if action levels are reached; 4) reduce pumping from shallow wells along College Street when actions levels are reached; 5) provide for greater water retainage in the wetlands, ponds and streams of the Woodland Creek basin.

Lacey has shown interest in continuing a dialogue with the Steering Committee. However, since Ecology has not required mitigation for our lakes, ideas put forward by the Committee are being disregarded.

Our final attempt to be heard now hinges on phone calls, letters and/or e-mails from citizens urging Lacey and Ecology to address impacts on our lakes and develop plans to prevent or reduce damage to the lakes. I would appreciate a copy of your correspondence, and for more information please contact me.

Thank you for your support.

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NOTE: This article represents the views of your LMD Steering Committee, not necessarily Thurston County or its Board of County Commissioners.

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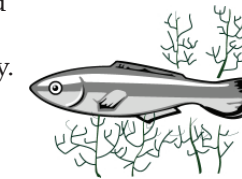
Sonar Timing Yields Mixed Results for Pondweeds

By Doug Karman, Vice President, LMD Steering Committee

This spring, we continued our herbicide program to control pondweeds and other nuisance aquatic vegetation in sections of Long Lake. These large and small leaf pondweeds, however, continue to be a challenge. The Sonar treatment this year can only be considered partially effective in controlling these weeds.

The prescription for Long Lake approved by the Thurston County Board of Commissioners and the county's PVMAC (Pest and Vegetation Management Advisory Committee) in 2006 included timing requirements that have not been conducive to effective aquatic vegetation control – particularly after the very cold winter and spring we experienced last year.

The plants were very slow and late to emerge, then grew rapidly to the surface. As a result, the plants were mature when the Sonar was applied, and did not absorb the chemical quickly.



While we see indications that the herbicide is doing its job, the dying plants have not yet disappeared from the water column. We now understand that the Sonar needs to be in place when the plants begin growing, so that newly growing leaves will take up the Sonar much sooner, thus preventing them from becoming so dense and persisting through the summer months.

The Steering Committee made the decision to use a harvester in the treated areas to remove the thickest vegetation and prevent another crop of seeds to settle on the lake bottom. While this double action improved recreational access to the lake, we do not want to repeat this in 2010. Therefore, we are requesting a change in the prescription to allow us to determine the areas eligible for treatment in the fall, then apply the Sonar in March or April when plants are just starting to grow. The newly growing leaves will absorb much more of the Sonar, resulting in far less plant material in the water as the herbicide works.

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