

President's Message

As many of you are aware, Lake Tippecanoe has been working with Indiana Department of Natural Resources Lake and River Enhancement Program for decades to combat nuisance and invasive weed growth in our lake. Over the past three plus years, LTPO has been attempting to battle the invasive, non-native weed commonly referred to as Starry Stonewort. However, the Lake and River Enhancement Program does not have the necessary funding to assist with treatment of Starry Stonewort.

Starry Stonewort has been rapidly advancing in our lake since we first saw signs of it a few years ago. While there is no known proven method to fully eliminate the weed from our lake currently, LTPO is planning to embark on an aggressive treatment program for approximately the next three years to slow Starry Stonewort's advancement and attempt to reduce its coverage on our lake.

Starting with just a couple of acres of growth a few years ago, Starry Stonewort now has coverage of approximately 70 acres throughout Lake Tippecanoe, James Lake (Little Tippy) and Oswego Lake. Last year, LTPO authorized two different treatments of Starry Stonewort in all areas where the weed is evident. On both occasions the treatment was effective but short term. Next year we plan to proactively treat for Starry Stonewort in late spring, early summer and late summer. After each treatment, our partner, Aquatic Control, will survey the effectiveness and make recommendations for any adjustments to the treatment plan. Aquatic Control estimates the proactive treatment program will cost approximately \$60,000 for calendar year 2018.

This is another large aquatic weed management project, and we continue to need the help of every member. This project to treat for Starry Stonewort is in addition to the planned treatment budget for Eurasian Water Milfoil, Eel Grass, and other nuisance vegetation Lake and River Enhancement will assist with funding. That is why we are requesting each member to contribute \$60 on the 2018 Dues Statement for Weed Treatment Fund. Additionally, due to the investment necessary, we are requesting each property owner participate in a "\$2 per linear foot voluntary assessment" specific to the Starry Stonewort treatment.

The good news is that our organization continues to be in a strong financial position relative to our "special" funds; Fireworks, Flotilla, Land Acquisition, Patrol Boat, Weed Maintenance and Prevention. Obviously we would welcome your continued support of our other "special" funds; but feel the urgency of the Starry Stonewort problem needs to be addressed near term.

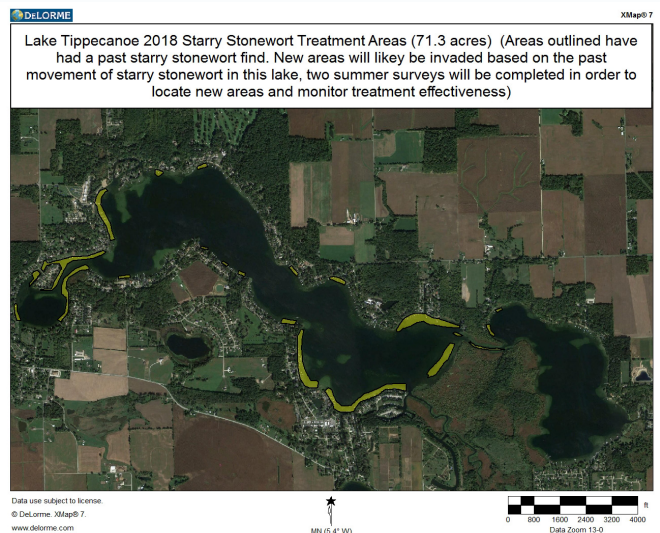
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We expect to be able to fund our Weed Treatment program, outside of the Starry Stonewort, with prior year contributions, and as in the past years, by partnering with Lake and River Enhancement. LTPO Inc. is considered a 501c (3) charitable organization, so your contributions would be considered tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. There is more information on the back page of the Dues Statement about the Dedicated Funds.

Best regards,

Neil B. Myers
President, LTPO

Jill Morroff
Vice President, LTPO



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Eric Essig—Old Mill Place
Jon & Holly Fraleigh—Forest Glen Ave

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Who is my LTPO landing director?

The landing director should be your first point of contact when you have questions relating to the LTPO. They represent your neighborhood at the monthly board meetings. Remember, anyone who's a member of LTPO is welcome to attend any board meetings.

At Large - Mark Aker & Ian Crighton
Baptist Camp - Vacant
Bell Rohr Isle - Carol Harris & Ruth Hayes
Bell Rohr Park - Ron Chambers & Mike Lattimer
Bell Rohr Park-Woodland - Mike Niles
Between the Lakes - Holly LaSalle
Bigler's Landing - Betty Kay Turner
Black's Landing - Gary Calhoun & Tom Webb
Camp Crosley - Steve Matthias
Cripplegate - Jill Morrolf
Cripplegate MHP - Robert Paton
Du-Cu-Nee - Monty & Bev Ganshorn
Echo Spring Condos - Deann Osborn
Fair Oaks - Christine Kopkey
Forest Glen - Glenna Shelby
Frazier's Landing East - Bob Schwartz
Frazier's Landing West & T35 - Jeff & Pam Thornburgh
Government Point - Nancy Taylor
Grassy Creek - Vacant
Hoy's Landing - Angie Huston
Kalorama Park - Mary Virginia Linder
Kalorama Park II - Richard Smith
Lakeside - Robert Smith
Lakeview Terrace MHP - Monty & Bev Ganshorn
Lantzing Bay - Eileen Oaks
Leisure Cove - Marsha Smith
Long's Landing - Gary Calhoun
Mead Park - Joan LeGrand
Mineral Springs - Jim Siegfried
Neibert Park I - Dan Drook
Old Mill Place - Connie Anthony
Oswego Lake East - Darius Hill
Oswego Lake South - Joe Westendorf
Oswego Lake West - Tom Hodson
Patona Bay - Robert Paton
Pierce's Landing - Betty Kay Turner
Pleasant View - Dan Free
Russel's Park - Moe Willard

Shoshoni - Mark Ennes
Silver Point - Dan Free
Tippe MHP - Dan Drook
Tippy River - Dorothy Westendorf
Walker's Park - Betty Walston
Wildwood Isle - Boyd Doll
Wildwood Park - Jon Tyler
Willow Bend - Scott & Renee Drake
Wood's Landing - Darius Hill

ICE FISHING SAFELY WHEN IN DOUBT, DON'T GO OUT! BEWARE OF THIN ICE

Every winter, thousands of Hoosiers enjoy fishing, skating, hiking or just sliding around on frozen ponds and lakes. And every year, people drown after falling through ice. Like driving on snow, Hoosiers need to re-learn how to have safe fun on ice.



WARN KIDS ABOUT PLAYING ON FROZEN LAKES AND STREAMS WITHOUT SUPERVISION

If You Are Fishing:

1. Drill your own test hole near shore. Your test hole should show at least a four-inch thickness of clear ice like you get from your freezer.
2. Wear a life jacket for extra warmth and safety.
3. Be aware of various ice strengths and qualities. One area of a pond may be a foot thick while another spot of ice may only be an inch thick.
4. Ice strength can also change. Thick ice is rotten after rain. Old honey-combed ice, slush ice or ice with current under it is also dangerous. New ice is almost always stronger than old ice. Wind, waterfowl and beavers can also keep areas of ice thin.
5. Indiana law limits ice fishing holes to a diameter of 12 inches.
6. Fishing shanties must have reflectors on each side so snowmobiles won't crash into them at dusk or during snowstorms.

USE THESE GUIDELINES TO JUDGE THE SAFETY OF FRESH, SOLID ICE

1 inch of ice—STAY OFF!!!
 4 inches of ice—Needed for safe ice fishing
 5 inches of ice—Needed for snowmobiling
 8 inches of ice—Needed to support the weight of a car or light truck
 10 inches of ice—Needed to support a medium weight truck

<http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/3601.htm>



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Upcoming Events	Date	Time	Place
Board Meeting (2018)	January 13	9:00 a.m.	NWCC-Banquet Room
Board Meeting	February 17	9:00 a.m.	NWCC-Banquet Room
Board Meeting	March 17	9:00 a.m.	NWCC-Banquet Room
Board Meeting	April 21	9:00 a.m.	NWCC-Banquet Room
Board Meeting/Lake Clean Up	May 19	8:00 a.m.	Patona Bay Snack Shop
Safe Boating Class	TBD	6:00—8:00 p.m.	Patona Bay Showroom
Board Meeting	June 16	8:00 a.m.	NWCC-Banquet Room
Fish & Tenderloin Fry	June 23	5:00—8:00 p.m.	Camp Crosley
Flotilla	July 7	1:00 p.m.	Big Tippe
Fireworks	July 7	10:30 p.m.	Big Tippe
Annual Meeting/Board Meeting	July 21	9:00 a.m.	TLCC
Board Meeting	August 18	8:00 a.m.	NWCC-Banquet Room
Board Meeting	September 15	9:00 a.m.	NWCC-Banquet Room
Board Meeting	October 20	9:00 a.m.	NWCC-Banquet Room

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NWCC = North Webster Community Center
TLCC = Tippecanoe Lake Country Club

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