

LaFlam Park

What's Happening at The Park

Thanks to a host of volunteers this past August, La Flam Park got a very long overdue clean up. It's been great to hear all the positive comments as to how great the Park looks! However, the clean up revealed there is much more that needs to be done. Based on shareholder feedback, we have a "wish" list for next season. Top of the list is the tennis court that truly is no longer in usable condition. Lots of discussion and planning will be required regarding the tennis court.

Some of the other items on the list include, but are not limited to :

1. Adding minimally 2 more picnic tables (we had three not too long ago).
2. Feasibility study of providing electrical service.
3. More pruning of the tree branches as well as more clean up of the brush along the back of the Park. The current plan is to include the Park in the annual spring clean up day.
4. Absolutely looking for gardeners to revamp and or add new flower beds.
5. Continue to freshen up the children's playset. The work that was done on the playset made a huge difference!
6. Improve the basketball net area.
7. Build a bocce ball court.

As you can see the list for next season is long and will require a lot of volunteering as well as donations for the Park.



Speaking of volunteering and what can be accomplished, special thanks to George Decker who spent numerous hours working on the shuffleboard court. After power washing the court, George brought the court back to life with a new coat of paint. It looks awesome and is ready for next season. Thank You George!!

So rest up and stay warm over the winter months. We're going to need a lot of volunteering to continue to improve La Flam Park.

One last note; I was driving by La Flam Park recently and I noticed a couple of grandparents with two grandchildren playing on the freshened up swing set.....2022 was a good year for La Flam Park.

~ Gary Berg
Long Point Corporation Director

Tennis Courts

We had a great turnout of spring volunteers opening the court and again in the fall closing it down for the season. Many thanks to all! I hope we can maintain the enthusiasm moving forward.

Recently, the very battered "Sweep the court after use" sign was replaced. We also learned from former Committee Chair, Dave Sharp, that it's best to sweep the court length wise (net to back stop direction) to avoid clay disappearing into the grass, and the grass growing on the court!

In Spring 2023, the Tennis Committee will need extra volunteers to level off the court with the rubber mat. Apparently, it works best if a bunch of rocks are placed on it while dragging it around to rearrange built up clay (thanks Dave Sharp for that nugget of "how-to" info).

Be on the lookout for requests for help next Spring.

~ Courtney Carpenter, *Committee Chair*

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SEEKING DONATIONS FOR A "PAD" FOR THE BASKETBALL HOOP AS WELL AS A SECOND HOOP FOR "TALLER" PLAYERS. PLEASE SEND YOUR DONATION TO NIKKI AT PO BOX 58, NORTH FERRISBURGH, VT 05473 AND WRITE "LAFLAM PARK" IN THE MEMO SECTION OF THE CHECK. THANK YOU!

Fun With Neighbors

Jams, Drinks & Ice Cream

Long Pointers from North, South, East, and beyond came together this summer for *Beverages By The Bay, Music Festival, and the popular Ice Cream Social!*

If you missed any of these events, worry not, we'll be looking forward to next summer and seeing more of our Long Point neighbors!



Photos Courtesy of Dee Kipp, Chal Nunn, Jess Lukas via Nextdoor



Long Point History

We Need Your Stories

Long Point History: Hopefully you received a letter from John Leidy in recent weeks regarding the Long Point history project. If you have not already done so, *please don't forget to email **John** in regard to whatever family information you are prepared to contribute!*

YOUR VIEW matters: What do you VALUE about Long Point?

Mission Vision Values (MVV)

Volunteers for the Mission Vision Values (MVV) ad hoc committee are grateful to the 20% of shareholders who have returned their 3-question survey to date, mostly via in-person contacts. Since we have a goal of getting responses from 50% of households by early November, don't be left out!

We'd like YOUR feedback before we start collating answers in November (phase 2.) Please email your responses to the 3 questions below by 10/31/22 to:

Mike Koplinka-Loehr, (380 North Rd.),
mak11@cornell.edu, cell/text: 607-592-8437 or
Lisa More: lismore96@icloud.com, cell/text:
[302-438-4809](tel:302-438-4809).

If you want to talk, please don't hesitate to call!

Here are the 3 survey questions:

1. In a few words/or a phrase: What best describes what you value about Long Point?
2. What is important to you about Long Point that you would miss if it wasn't here?
3. What would you certainly want to preserve for future generations?

We are very grateful for everyone's participation.

~ Lisa More, Mike Koplinka-Loehr & MVV helpers

REMINDER: Water Shut off
October 31, 2022

Emerald Ash Borer Phase 3 Update

As noted in the 2022 Annual Report, LPC will continue to work with Teacher Tree Service to remove ash trees along Long Point Roads, lots and public areas which could prove a danger to the public or buildings once diseased. Please review the Annual Report for a more detailed review of the EAB on page 20. Currently the removal is scheduled for Bay Road and East Road at some point in February – March depending upon the snow cover and weather. With aging trees, some of which are in poor health, consider planting or identifying replacement trees for future generations and the health of the planet. A partial list of trees to consider may also be found on page 20.

As we have in the past, if you would like a 'raw cord' of ash (cut in ~ 8-foot lengths and not split), please send me an email at pross23@gmavt.net. If you don't hear back from me, please send an additional request. In following the state guidelines, all cord wood must be used at Long Point and not taken off site to avoid unintentionally transporting the EAB. The raw cord will be dropped somewhere near or in the area you may use for parking.

If interested, more information about the EAB and its location throughout Vermont may be found at <https://vtinvasives.org/land/emerald-ash-borer-vermont>.



Ward Preston will be replacing some pipes on North Road at the Myers camp and South Road at the Murphy's camp in November. We will do our best to give you as much advance notice as possible.

News From The Boatyard

Many thanks this summer to Chal Nunn, who came with his weed whacker several times to trim the grass around the trailers, and to Dan Berry, who stepped up to make sure there was a space for all who need it. And, most recently, to Katy Nunn and Carrie Koplinka-Loehr, who have done an amazing job cleaning out the bed of weeds at the entrance to the boatyard and thinning and mulching and planting to make an attractive garden there.

This is to say that, like Blanche Dubois, the boatyard has benefitted from the kindness of others. And the committee is grateful to those who have helped. The summer has passed quickly, and I am not aware of any particular problems that users of the boatyard encountered.

Now that most boats have been winterized and many stored off-site, there is room for all who need it. During the summer, when people bring their trailers, the area tends to fill up and overflows into the field to the west.

Our plan for next year will remain the same. The first 16 or so spaces on the west side of Shore Rd we will reserve for trailer storage. Perhaps others can be stored in empty sites. Those who need a space may ask Dan if one is available. If not, trailers may be stored in the field, but we ask people to park their trailers' wheels in the unmowed section to the west with the tongue on the mowed section. This will make for a better organized and attractive presentation to this area, which is really the first visitors see when they enter the Long Point Community.

Finally, we ask those who use the boatyard to paint their names on their trailers. We reserve the right to move trailers or boats around to make maximum use of the space, and we will remove boats and trailers left in the boatyard that are not in active use.

~ Bunky Bernstein
Chair, Boatyard Committee

Bee The Change

Phase I of the pollinator garden has been completed. Next summer, wildflowers will be planted in the area. Bee the Change is providing this work free of charge and asking for donations from shareholders. Here is the link to the Bee the Change donation page:

[Bee the Change: Donate](#)

Through my work at Middlebury College, I first met Dr. Mike Keirnan in 2012. We were both guest lecturers in a J-Term entrepreneurship class at the College. It was in this class that I first heard Mike talk about his idea to found the non-profit called Bee the Change to promote the introduction of pollinator habitat plantings across Vermont. This effort started out focusing on the grass spaces in solar fields, but since that time, Bee the Change has raised donor funding to embark on a project to create a pollinator habitat area in every town in Vermont. Late last year, I approached Mike and invited him to Long Point to see if we might be one of his projects.

As Mike wrote after seeing Long Point with me last year:

"We would love to create a habitat at Long Point as part of our effort to create pollinator habitats in each of Vermont's 251 cities and towns. The goal is to create a sustainable diverse meadow of native plants to support pollinators of all kinds. There will be no cost to the community, but those who wish to will be invited to "offset their footprint-" to take the square footage of their home's footprint and for 11 cents per square foot, sponsor Bee the Change to create an equal square footage of habitat at Long Point."

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Bee The Change cont.

I raised the idea of the pollinator project with the Long Point Land Stewardship Committee and the Board, who approved the pilot site.

With funding from their largest donor, Bee the Change donated the full cost of establishing the pilot pollinator habitat location on Long Point, in the field next to the flagpole at the corner of Long Point Road and Shore Road. This is a two-year commitment. This year the area of the habitat was tilled, and an initial planting of perennials and buckwheat was set down.

Next year, Bee the Change will sow additional wildflower seeds, buckwheat, oats, and clover. After the second year, maintenance is handed over to us at Long Point.

If the community at Long Point decides to expand the pollinator habitat area across additional sections of our mown grass areas (mown grass is biologically least supportive of pollinators), we would contribute the cost of planting according to the formula above.

Our decision to site a purposeful pollinator habitat area at Long Point is in keeping with our overall efforts to promote wild bird and pollinator-friendly field policies.

~ David Torres
Member, Long Point Corporation Land Stewards Committee

Land Steward's Report

The Long Point Land Stewards are continuing to recommend land-management policies that encourage birds and pollinators, decrease use of fossil fuels, and protect the lake.

We arranged for land around the flagpole (across from Laflam Park) to be plowed in September by *Bee the Change*. It was planted in buckwheat and perennials that will bloom in the spring. *Bee the Change* will assist us next year in managing this area.

We have drafted 2023 mowing recommendations for the Board to review that include: raising the mower height to encourage deep rooting; leaving some common areas unmowed to allow flowering plants to grow; and increasing natural vegetation in highly erodible areas. In addition, we are continuing with an Audubon-approved program to attract bobolinks, Savannah sparrows, and other threatened grassland birds to the Long Point fields. Mowing of our fields in 2022 was restricted to the period before May and after August 1st for this purpose. Last June, Land Stewards and Audubon ornithologists documented the presence of Savannah sparrows on our unmown grasslands.

~Carrie Koplinka Loehr, *Member, Long Point Corporation Land Steward Committee*

Have A Great Winter

Have a wonderful winter, wherever you land! We hope you have a happy and healthy holiday season.

