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Waukewan's Lake Host Program is Looking for Volunteers

Again, this summer, Lake Waukewan will be protected from variable milfoil and other invasive aquatic species through the efforts of 3 Paid Lake Hosts as well as Volunteer Hosts working at Waukewan's Public Boat Launching Ramp. Our program runs from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. Of Note: Last year 2029 inspections were made at the Waukewan Boat Ramp.

Variable milfoil and other invasive plants and animals are a serious problem in New Hampshire. Once these species are established in a

Lake Host continued:

body of water, it's very difficult to eradicate them. Milfoil seriously compromises the recreational, ecological and economic value of a lake, costing tens of thousands of dollars to control annually. It's better to prevent them in the first place. You can help by remembering to inspect your boat and trailer every time you enter, and leave, a lake or pond. (From a Lake Host Program Bulletin.) Of Note: Lake Waukewan is invasive free except for the presence of Mystery Snails, a great number of these are being removed by volunteers.

The objectives of the NH LAKES Lake Host program are "to place trained lake Hosts at public motorized boat launch sites to:

- educate visiting boaters about exotic species by distributing brochures, answering questions, and completing a brief boater survey;
- conduct courtesy boat and trailer inspections of vessels both entering and leaving public waters;
- show boaters where to look for hitch-hiking plant fragments on boats and trailers and encourage them to conduct self-inspections;
- remove and properly dispose of all plant material found, and send samples of suspicious plants removed from vessels to the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) for identification."

Lake Host continued:



Volunteers are the foundation for our Lake Host Program. WE DESPERATELY NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS to work Mondays through Thursdays, from July 5th until September 3rd. Unfortunately, we have lost some of our volunteers recently and our weekday ramp coverage has become sporadic. The time commitment for our volunteers ranges from only 2-4 hours a week manning the ramp – up to you. An hour of training will be provided for each Lake Host. Please, help us out.

Additional information on the Lake Host Program and other environmental and conservation issues can be found on the N.H. Lakes website at <https://nhlakes.org/>

Contact Lake Waukewan's Lake Host Point Person, Tim Whiting, at 279-7834, or email tlwhiting68@gmail.com to sign up as a Lake Host Volunteer.

Are You a Member ?

Why be a member ? Owning a lakefront property has many advantages. Not only will you be able to wake up next to an idyllic and beautiful nature scene, you can enjoy weekend activities on the lake.

Another beneficial aspect of owning a lakefront property is the ability to be a part of the WWC. Windy Waters Conservancy (WWC) members help keep the lake pristine and give input on ways to maintain the lands surrounding the area. An example of this would be our leading the efforts to conserve over 1000 feet of shorefront land on the Snake River. Participation also enables those who own lakefront property homes to keep property values high. Through financial contributions and hands on volunteer efforts, those who join our association can help the lake maintain water levels, purity and quality. As a member, you can also lend a hand towards preservation efforts that protect the indigenous wildlife, bald eagles and loons, of your neighborhood. You can also keep an eye on local government to ensure that laws are not enacted that will impact the lake and property values. That's WHY ! Become a member.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As you are probably aware, due to the coronavirus pandemic, covid 19, the board of directors canceled the annual meeting that was to be held during the month of July 2020.

Usually at the annual meeting new board of director's candidates and current board members that are up for re-election are voted on. Since the meeting was canceled, all current board members were continued on the board. Then a vote amongst the directors voted on the new slate of officers, as follows:

- Donna Van Ness Murphy will serve as Co-President
- Anthony Sabutis will serve as Co-President
- Ray Moritz will serve as Treasurer
- Frank Murphy will serve as Secretary
- Chuck Braxton will serve as a Director

At our October 11th. board meeting, the board, as provided for in our by-laws, made three more board appointments. These are :

- Tim Whiting Meredith
- James Kros Center Harbor
- John Slavik Meredith

We are extremely thankful for these folks for stepping up to serve on our board. It is so very important for members to be part of the board as we work towards preserving the health and beauty of our lake.



Save the Date!

Saturday, August 21st, 2021, 10 AM
Windy Waters Conservancy's 33 Annual Meeting
Meredith Community Center

Storm Water Runoff Grants

The Storm Water Runoff Grants program provides up to \$500 to WWC members to correct runoff problems on your property. Unfortunately there has been too few participants in the program, meaning too little runoff mitigation, probably because we often don't know what to do about it.

As we have pointed out, Stormwater runoff is the number one cause of water body impairment. Pollutants are picked up and carried in the runoff, finding their way into the lake. Stormwater runoff is the primary cause of many water quality issues, including cyanobacteria blooms.

In addition to the WWC grant, Windy Waters has an arrangement with Stephens Landscaping. Because they recognize both the importance of stormwater runoff mitigation and the grant initiative, they are offering 15% off on native plantings for members of WWC on their property projects. Native plantings include a variety of trees, shrubs, ferns, groundcover and perennials. While your stormwater runoff projects don't have to include plantings, often plantings can be part of the solution, and when combining both it's a win-win for you and the lake.

If you have erosion from runoff on your property and are not sure how to deal with it, contact us and we will find you help. For information or help contact Donna Van Ness Murphy at dvnom@aol.com.

Details of the offering are found on our website at <https://wwc.waukegan.org>.

VLAP News

Lake Waukewan's Volunteer Lake Assessment Program, which Windy Waters Conservancy helps sponsor, was able to continue through our 2020 summer sampling season in spite of Covid restrictions. Although initially scheduled for a reduced number of samplings, in close conjunction with NHDES we were able to achieve our normal monthly sampling trips, affording continuation of the over thirty years of collection of statistically valid sampling data for water quality analysis. The 2020 testing results confirm that our lake remains representative of oligotrophic or high quality conditions, and the improving trends within the data are a great sign. This report can be seen in its entirety on our website, <https://wwc.waukewan.org/vlap.html>. We will continue the watershed management efforts to reduce lake nutrient loads and storm water runoff, as well as an increased focus on cyanobacteria presence and proliferation.

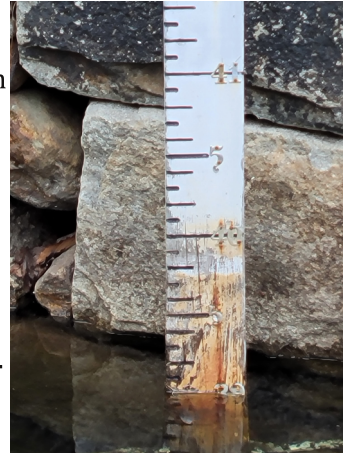
With the assistance and encouragement of our partners at NHDES, we anticipate expanding our sampling efforts into the winter season. This data stream should contribute a new and revealing insight into Lake Waukewan, just what does go on under the ice, giving us a more complete and informative water quality profile. Meeting the unique and challenging demands of cold water, through-ice sampling on our lake will serve as an overall model for winter season lake sampling throughout New Hampshire.

Our Windy Waters Conservancy is proud that we will be the statewide model for winter testing. We owe a special thanks to three of our members. Frank Murphy and John DeMichaelis for running our summer sampling program and Frank and John Slavik for spearheading the establishment of the winter program and volunteering to do the sampling when the program launches.



Odds & Ends:

Ever wonder about the lake seeming high or low and wanting to know for sure? There is a gauge next to the bridge over the canal by the parking lot you've seen very hard tip: Where really above sea down from indented you see a 5. 539.5 feet. showing the gauge is in bad shape and needing replacement. Thankfully it will be replaced this year, but not by the DES. More to come about the generous donor next time.



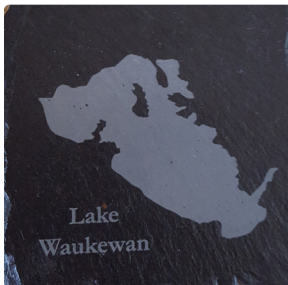
Watershed Management : You may have heard that our neighbors on other lakes are looking to develop a watershed management plan. Did you know that Lake Waukewan and Winona Lake already have one? The plan identifies problematic storm water run off sites around the lake. The plan suggests the best management practices to mitigate and remediate these sites, many of which have already been addressed by the Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee and the town of Meredith. Tasks that were undertaken for the plan include the evaluation of existing lake and tributary data, an assessment of watershed conditions, and identification of actions for reducing current and future sources of pollution to the lake. The final plan is both a stand-alone plan for the Waukewan-Winona watershed and a supplement to the 2005 Waukewan Watershed Management Plan. To find out more, or read the plan in its entirety, please visit Winnepesaukee Gateway website.

A Message from the Board :

Our membership year runs from July 1st. through June 30th. Now is a good time to renew your membership for this year if you haven't done so already. Remember, your dues go to protecting your lake!

As always, we are hoping to add more members and to gain more volunteers to join our Board of Directors. We were very fortunate last year to have added three new members to the Board of Directors. Our by-laws call for up to eleven board members so there are still three openings. Please reconsider joining the board, you can make a difference.

We have put together a welcoming information about the lake, the contact info, important and the WWC for new neighbors. It also includes a pair of Waukewan coasters. If you have a new neighbor that we should contact please let us know.



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We hope everyone stays safe and healthy during these difficult times and hope you all have a wonderful summer.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our annual meeting on Saturday, August 21st., 10AM, at the Community Center.

Best Wishes, the WWC Board of Directors

Memberships & Donations

Ever since our founding 33 years ago as the Waukewan Shore Owner's Association, we have worked to protect and preserve the quality of our beautiful lakes. It's your dues and contributions that have allowed us such great success with placing land in conservation, such as the Spear, Baird, and Bergeron properties. We also provide support for the Lake Host Program, the VLAP efforts, etc. Please renew your membership so this success can continue. Our membership year

runs from July 1st. through June 30th. to coincide with our annual meeting in early July.

You may send your dues or donation check made out to "Windy Waters Conservancy" to: Windy Waters Conservancy, PO Box 91, Meredith, NH 03253. You may also pay your dues or make a donation on-line with your credit card via PayPal. Go to waukewan.org and click on Membership or Donations. Contributions are tax deductible. Thank You.

Category	Amount	Operations Fund	Conservation Fund
Individual or Family (one vote)	\$50+	\$50	Balance
Protector	\$100+	\$50	Balance
Steward	\$250+	\$100	Balance
Conservator	\$500+	\$100	Balance
Life Member	\$1000+	\$250	Balance
Affiliate (Non-voting)	Donation Accepted		
Honorary	Donation Accepted		
Donations	Any	Specify	Specify
Unspecified Donation	Any	100%	0

Legislation that could affect you:

As of March 22, 2021 these are the legislative updates for House Bills that effect our lake

HOUSE BILL 115: (relative to wake surfing) adds the activity of "wake surfing" to existing safety regulations. The bill passed through the House of Representatives and has been assigned to the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. NH LAKES supports this bill.

HOUSE BILL 229: (defining wake boats) has been voted Inexpedient to Legislate in the House Resources, Recreation & Development Committee. The Committee has recommended to the House of Representatives that the bill not be adopted with a possibility that it will be tabled and revisited next session.

HOUSE BILL 158: (relative to shoreland septic systems) is being retained by the House Resources, Recreation & Development Committee. The bill will be held until next session in order to collaborate with NH Department of Environmental Services to amend and improve the bill to meet its intended purposes. NH LAKES approves this bill to improve water quality by identifying underperforming and uninspected septic systems.

HOUSE BILL 99: (relative to seasonal platforms on public waters) requires that anyone seeking to anchor a floating dock, seasonal platform inflatable platform or float on public waters observe the NH Department of Safety requirements. HB 99 has passed the House and has been assigned to the Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee.

HOUSE BILL 82: (relative to amending a conservation easement) This bill could gut existing environmental protections on conserved land around NH lakes. The Judiciary Committee has retained this bill for a year.

HOUSE BILL 341: (relative to permissible residential units in a residential zone) allowing up to 3 Accessory Dwelling Units on any property regardless of the size. NH LAKES opposes this bill and has submitted testimony to the Municipal & County Government Committee. The Committee has recommended that the House of Representatives not pass the bill.

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