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President's Letter 2026

Resilience and connection.

Although our lakes, like all of nature, are continuously changing, they remain a constant in our lives. The rippling surface reflects the moment-to-moment variations in wind, in clouds, in darting birds, and in fleeting shadows. Each day we are greeted with a familiar but ever-changing landscape; one day whizzing dragonflies, the next day darting swallows. Yet no matter the external appearance, our lakes provide an enduring presence. While constantly changing, they remain a stable force in our community. As individuals we observe and enjoy this calmness; as a community, we coalesce around the lakes to take action. This balance of awe and action expresses the Three Lakes Council stewardship of our lakes.

Our community had dramatic change in connectivity when the Oscaleta Road culvert collapsed. While the Town worked quickly to repair the land connection for drivers and to ensure water flow, the channel remains closed to boat passage. This separation serves as a powerful reminder that even when we cannot paddle from one lake to the next, we must continue to view these waters as one intertwined ecological system. Our connection to the

watershed transcends the paths we navigate by boat.

A less evident change involves our long-term goals to address septic system pollution to our lakes. The Town successfully pursued grants for a sewer system to serve a subset of homes around four lakes: Truesdale, Waccabuc, Oscaleta, and Rippowam. However, the escalating costs of the sewer project outpaced the grant funding, and the sewer solution became unaffordable. The town has pivoted to an advanced septic technology approach to address septic pollution. A change in tactics is not a change in strategy. Just as the lakes adapt to the seasons, we will adapt our methods to ensure the continued stewardship of our lakes and ecosystem.



I am consistently buoyed by the enthusiasm and dedication of our many volunteers. Our collective

The mission of the Three Lakes Council is to preserve and protect the waters and watershed of the three lakes through outreach, research, stewardship, and community action.

impact is made possible by your steady support, and we especially want to recognize the 74 donors who have contributed to the Council for each of the last ten years. Your loyalty is the engine that allows us to protect these waters through every season of change. I invite you to dive deeper into our upcoming projects and current lake conditions in the pages of this newsletter. Importantly, I hope you will join us at the Waccabuc Country Club beach facility for our **annual meeting on August 15** to celebrate our shared passion for this precious resource.

Thank you for your continued stewardship. See you out on the lakes!

*Janet Andersen, President
Three Lakes Council*

Volunteer spotlight – Paul Lewis

Three Lakes Council started using a new system this year to manage member information. This gives us a great chance to thank, highlight, and celebrate Paul Lewis, who has singlehandedly kept our membership records and address listings for decades, tying members to their addresses, emails, donations, associations, and more. Whenever address labels were needed, we called on Paul.

That’s just one of Paul’s many contributions to the Three Lakes Council.

Paul was one of the signers of the Three Lakes Council Certificate of Incorporation in 1970 and was an original director. He continued as the one-person Lake Preservation Committee for many years.

After the Three Lakes Council rejoined the CSLAP program, Paul sampled Oscaleta from 2006 through 2013.

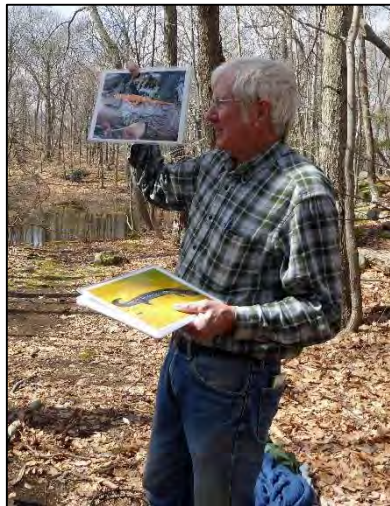
He established Oscaleta’s lake bathymetry, a map of the lake bottom, by drilling through the ice, and measuring the depth.

Paul has served on the 3LC Board since 2006. In 2008, he proposed hiring a certified

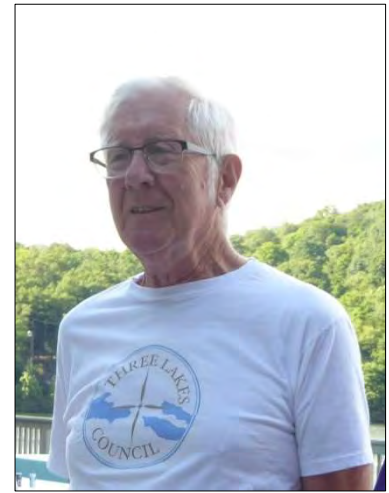
limnologist as our Lake Manager to conduct and report on lake studies and develop the Lake Management Plan that guides our actions today.

Paul has explored potential use of nutrient inactivants and aquatic weed actions and remains an essential resource on any ecological questions.

Paul also scheduled and led very popular vernal pool walks in Mountain. Lakes Park for the Three Lakes Community.



He educated kids of all ages about the importance of this critical wetland resource and introduced them to its inhabitants, like the frog below.



Paul is often the first to volunteer for any task. He has helped do trail maintenance on Long Pond Preserve and helps with set-up, cooking, and carving at the Three Lakes Council annual meetings.

And that’s not all! Paul has a long-time volunteer profile in the Town. He served on the Zoning Board, Conservation Advisory Council, and was chair of the Planning Board that orchestrated the Town’s first comprehensive plan in 1985. More recently he was chair of the Stormwater Committee, and he volunteers to clear trails at Leon Levy Preserve.

Paul has assisted County naturalists in ecological studies and participated in bird and frog counts. He has volunteered at Muscote Farm since 2001. And he was a key volunteer operator of the Twin Lakes Water Works for 40 years.

For all this, we can only say:

Thank you, Paul!



Be a Good Lake Neighbor

Our lakes are special. We want to enjoy them – and we must share them as well. A few lake considerations will help everyone enjoy the lazy hazy crazy days of summer without disturbing our lake neighbors.

Please inform your guests of these rules and guidelines, and post this page for visitors to see.

Noise



Sounds carry well across water. Please

keep your voices down and remember not everyone enjoys your musical preferences. This is especially true in evenings when other sounds diminish.

Town law prohibits noisy motorized equipment from 7 pm to 8 am and all day Sunday. We encourage additional voluntary “quiet times” of late afternoons and evenings on summer Fridays and Saturdays.

Dogs



Town code requires dogs to be on a leash whenever not

on the owner’s property. Dog poop should be picked up and put in your own trash.

Geese and swans



Nice to look at, but please don’t feed them. It’s not good

for the waterfowl and it’s not good for our lakes!

Boating



Local customs supplement NYS and town

regulations in governing motor boat use on the three lakes. Learn the ropes!

Lewisboro Town law

Horsepower limits are 25 hp on Lake Waccabuc and 10 hp for Lakes Oscaleta and Rippowam.

Motor boats can be used between 8:30 a.m. and 1/2 hour after sunset. Skiing and tubing are allowed only between 10am and 4 pm, and both a spotter and a driver must be on the boat. The law requires motorboats to be operated in a safe and prudent manner.

New York laws

NY requires boat safety education for everyone operating a motorized boat.

Get certified online at www.boat-ed.com

Informal lake use guidelines

Boats at speed should not come within 100’ of a float or a dock. Coves are slow speed areas and boats should not tow anyone in those areas. That means no skiing or tubing in the Waccabuc coves!

Swimming



Swimmers have the right of way, but common-

sense safe swimming means staying within 100’ of shore, where boats should not operate at speed. Consider swimming before 8:30 am, when motor boats should not be in use.

Invasive species



Boats, fishing gear, and water toys are the most common ways for

invasive species to move from one lake to another. Please don’t take these items between waterbodies – but if you must, ensure you clean, drain, and treat them as required by law before bringing them to our lakes.

Please don’t release aquarium plants or animals, fish, or any leftover live bait into the lakes. Many of these are invasive and can spread and do harm.

Private property



Of course you can stop on a float if you have

an emergency, but remember that these lakes, docks, boats, and shores are all privately owned. This includes Castle Rock and Rippowam Farms!

Keep it clean!



Please don’t litter on or in the lake.

Carry any recyclables and garbage off the lake and dispose of it properly at home. Pick up fishing lures and lines to keep wildlife safe.



The culvert story in pictures

The culvert was built in 1966. A high water photo from 2008.



Deteriorating culvert condition documented in 2021 and 2022.



Town applied for and was awarded a grant to replace culvert in 2022 and 2023. Gradually, the dip in the road worsened. The Town closed one lane in October 2025.



The roadbed above the culvert collapsed on March 15, 2026. A vehicle detour was posted. The water flow from Oscaleta and Rippowam was greatly reduced.



A highway department breach allowed limited water flow.



Break was widened to increase water flow and relieve flooding.



Culvert pipes installed and road reopened. March 26, 2026.



Replacement box culvert now planned by year end 2027.



Meet the CRXII

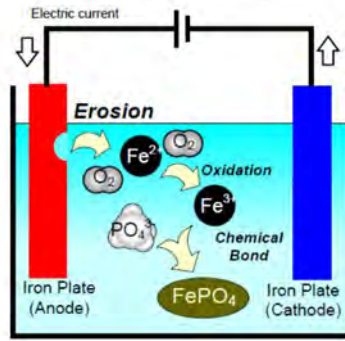
Every so often we have to talk about **septic systems**, and now's the time. For ages, septic systems have been designed to protect human health. Now some are also designed to protect lake health. Standard septic systems separate sludge from effluent, but don't take nitrogen or phosphorus out of the effluent, and with time or poor soils those polluting nutrients can reach our lakes.

The FujiClean CRXII is a septic tank replacement that does more. It removes about 70% of the nitrogen and 90% of the phosphorus before the effluent reaches the soil. It's considered a package treatment system.



The first chamber in the system removes polluting phosphorus. Iron plates are connected to an electric current. Air is pumped into that chamber. When oxygen is present, phosphorus will bind to the iron. It will precipitate to the bottom of the tank with the sludge, for later pump-out.

Phosphorus removal schematic



There are some complexities with this system. It requires a small air blower which will be powered by the home's electric. Maintenance ports have to be at ground level for service.



The system needs semi-annual inspection and maintenance, and the Westchester County Health Department requires a responsible management entity to ensure service. The Town will act as this entity and hire a vendor to do system inspection, maintenance and repairs.



The Town of Lewisboro is currently proposing CRXII's for 131 Lake Kitchawan homes. If the homeowners vote for this project, the installation costs will be covered by grant funds, and the Town will take over service responsibility. Homeowners will pay an annual maintenance fee but will never have to worry about their septic systems again. Lake Kitchawan will see less septic pollution.

Since Lewisboro did not get full funding for the sewer proposal for Waccabuc and Truesdale, the Town is planning a septic district similar to the Kitchawan approach for parts of the Three Lakes community. Stay tuned!

Get pumped! Septic, that is



The Three Lakes Septic Committee urges each homeowner to pump their septic system at least once every 5 years as required by law. Experts agree that based on the soil conditions around our lake communities, we should pump our septic tanks every 2-3 years. Tanks should be inspected too.

If it's time for you to pump, you can find a list of septic haulers on our website: www.threelakescouncil.org See septic systems under the living on lakes tab.

Maintain your septic system to reduce septic pollution in our lakes.



State of the lakes – our water quality scorecard for 2025

The information for this scorecard comes from the data provided by NYSDEC’s reports. In 2025, our lakes all tested for high levels of phosphorus and chlorophyll, but had generally good recreational perception. These results seem to be within the normal variability of our lakes, not because of any change in the lake ecosystem. No harmful algal blooms were reported on our lakes in 2025, but our lakes are susceptible to HABs. Please be alert.

Water quality indicators		Waccabuc		Oscaleta		Rippowam	
		Typical Year	2025	Typical Year	2025	Typical Year	2025
Trophic Status	Phosphorus	Mesotrophic	Eutrophic	Mesotrophic	Eutrophic	Eutrophic	Eutrophic
	Chlorophyll	Mesotrophic	Eutrophic	Mesotrophic	Mesotrophic	Eutrophic	Eutrophic
	Secchi	Mesotrophic	Mesotrophic	Mesotrophic	Mesotrophic	Mesotrophic	Eutrophic
Aquatic invasive species		Present		Present		Present	
Lake Recreation Perception		Fair	Good	Fair	Good	Fair	Good

Weeds in our lakes

Lake plants remain an issue on each of our lakes. Climate change has lengthened their growing season, and warmer water increases plant growth rates. As a result, the weed problem continues to grow.

Three Lakes Council hired a new vendor, GEI, to continue the aquatic plant management survey and assessment. In 2025, the vendor surveyed Lake Waccabuc. The first important and good news is that no new invasive plants were found. Our primary reason to do these surveys is to find any new invasive plants early enough to mount an effective control before they become so well established that eradication is unlikely.

The raw data gathered this year are comparable to those of the past. However, the report was different, relying more on narrative than tables and charts. The report notes that Lake Waccabuc has dense submersed and floating-leaf plant growth in

shallow areas. The depth profile of the lake provides large areas without any plants. In the littoral areas where plants are found, the dominant plant is the invasive Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM). They found that EWM is present at nuisance densities and often grows to the surface.

The dominant floating-leaf plant is white water lily, and that too is found at nuisance densities in many shallow areas.

The new vendor was provided the data from past surveys. With this long-term data set, they drew some conclusions about plant trends in Lake Waccabuc.

Increase in floating plant density. The first finding is Lake Waccabuc is generally seeing an increase in the density of floating-leaf plants, both white water lilies and spatterdock, which has yellow flowers. These are both native plants that can grow to nuisance densities. While they know this occurs lake-wide, a future project is to identify the areas of the lake where this increase is occurring.

Increase in Eurasian watermilfoil. The report notes that the abundance of EWM is highly variable over the years and the data should be viewed with caution. However, they make the argument that EWM is increasing because they observed that a competing plant has decreased over time. Largeleaf pondweed is a native plant that can also grow to nuisance densities. Both species grow vertically and form canopies in waters 4 to 10 feet deep. EWM may be gradually overtaking previously established largeleaf pondweed locations.

Decline in species richness. The number of different species found in a lake can indicate the health of the plant community in a lake. From 2016 to 2025, the number of species declined from 21 to 19, and the two species that were not found in 2025 were both small and elusive and probably do not indicate an ecological change. If anything, they represent more locally dense floating-leaf and EWM growth.



HAB? Not a HAB?

Harmful Algal Blooms, or HABs, are excessive algal growth of cyanobacteria which may produce toxins. These toxins may harm humans and animals through ingestion, inhalation, or skin contact. Pets can be affected, as can wildlife.

No one can tell if a bloom has toxins just by its appearance. What we can tell by appearance is whether the bloom consists of a type of algae that can make toxins or one that isn't known to make toxins. New York State is relying on visual assessment of algal blooms for its HABs warnings.

Blooms can also vary in timing, size, and duration. Algae can appear in the morning and be gone by afternoon. It's common for downwind areas or calm inlets to accumulate algae while none is visible in open waters. And locally, often one of our lakes will have a HABs bloom while the other two do not. For all these reasons, it's helpful for everyone to be able to recognize HABs. This information was also requested in our recent user survey.

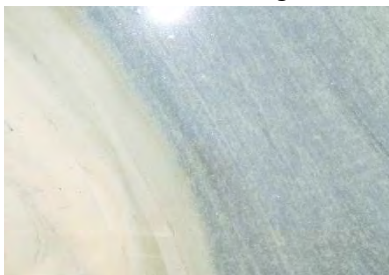
*Technical note: HABs are caused by cyanobacteria, which are not algae, they are bacteria that can photosynthesize. To add to the confusion, cyanobacteria was commonly called blue-green algae but that usage is phasing out.

HABs

HABs generally appear as streaks, spilled paint, and pea soup. These photos were taken on our lakes.



Streaks Waccabuc 2025



Streaks Waccabuc 2012



Spilled paint Waccabuc 2012



Pea soup.

Not a HAB

Lake many waters, our lakes have HAB look-a-likes.



A common form of algae on our lakes is filamentous green algae. It looks like green clouds underwater and bubbling scum at the surface. It is ugly and a nuisance, but it doesn't produce toxins. It has hairlike filaments.



Duckweed is a small flowering plant. Not a HAB.



In spring, pollen commonly looks like a HAB, but it's not.

If you see something, and you aren't sure, send a photo to threelakescouncil@gmail.com
If in doubt, stay out!



Lake-scape with native plants!

The shoreline of your property can help improve the quality of our lakes. Keep a buffer of native vegetation between the developed portions of your property and the lakes or any streams and wetlands in order to minimize soil erosion and polluted runoff getting to the lakes.

Native plants are adapted to survive without added fertilizer or pesticides, and once established generally need little watering.

Our wild areas are beautiful, the native plants will add beauty to your property.

Native plants provide food and habitat for native birds, butterflies, pollinators, and other wildlife.



Find more native plants at the Westchester Community College's Native Plant Center.

Safe boating



On our small lakes, every action we take can affect our neighbors. NYS now requires every operator of a motorized boat to have a boating certificate, which can be obtained through an online or in-person class. The classes promote common sense, safety, and courtesy. Topics include navigation rules, required safety equipment, and emergency procedures. Find classes at parks.ny.gov/activities/boating/boating-education

Please be considerate of your neighbors with these actions:

- **Watch Your Wake:** Motorized boats can create wakes that rock docks, erode the shoreline, and tip over paddleboarders. Please maintain a safe, low-wake speed when near the shore or other vessels.
- **Be Mindful of Swimmers:** Swimmers can be incredibly difficult to see from a boat. Always keep a sharp lookout, especially near docks and shores.
- **Give Paddlers Space:** Motorized boats should always yield the right-of-way to kayaks, canoes, and paddleboards.

Kayakers should consider adding reflective tape to their paddles to be more visible.

Get 3LC boat stickers at <https://threelakescouncil.org/boats/>



Thanks for sharing!

The results of our **2026 residents survey** are in. Our community shows a strong commitment to lake preservation, with a clear preference for ecological and educational interventions. You can find the full 2026 survey results posted to our website.

Key takeaways

The majority of respondents rate their lake as "Excellent" or "Good", but they agree that our lakes have some environmental issues.

- **Submersed aquatic plants** are identified as a "serious problem" by 44% of respondents.
- **Nutrients** from inadequate septic systems (42%) and lawn chemicals (36%) are the next highest concerns, highlighting a focus on water chemistry and runoff effects on our lakes.
- **Algae blooms and floating aquatic plants** are often identified as problems.

Educational and action

mandates: The community is very clear about how they want the Three Lakes Council to address issues.

- **Homeowner education** on weed removal received the highest support, with 77.5% of respondents urging 3LC to "Take this action."
- Pursuit of an **advanced technology septic district** (58%) and investigating

nutrient inactivation (55%) are strongly supported.

- In contrast, chemical treatments for weeds and algae are widely opposed, as over 60% of respondents stating "Don't do this."

Deeply rooted and invested Community:

- Long term residents: 57% of respondents have lived at here for over 20 years.
- Satisfaction levels are relatively consistent across the three lakes.
- Most have taken some action to protect the lakes, such as septic pump-outs.

Summary of written comments about our lakes

What we like best:

Natural beauty and scenery

Aesthetic qualities and scenic beauty are highly valued.

Peace and serenity

A strong majority appreciate the quiet atmosphere, peacefulness, tranquility, and relaxing vibe.

Recreational activities Top activities enjoyed are swimming (highlighting water quality and cleanliness), kayaking, and canoeing.

Wildlife and ecology

Respondents value the diversity of wildlife, and the overall natural ecology.

Community and environment

Many appreciate the sense of community and the council's commitment to the ecological health of the lakes, with mentions of clean water, uncrowded conditions, and general privacy.

What we like least:

Algal blooms: Algae, as a tint in the water and as floating filamentous algae, is a common concern. Harmful algal blooms are mentioned frequently.

Aquatic plant growth: The most frequently cited issue is excessive growth of aquatic plants, including both floating and submerged plants.

Inconsiderate boating and safety concerns: Boater issues included excessive speed and inconsiderate boater operators.

Trespassing and private lake Issues: Responses indicated a concern with trespass and disrespect for private property.

Trends from prior surveys.

Three Lakes Council has survey results from 2006 and 2016.

Ecological concern with algae:

In 2006, algae was an aesthetic concern. By 2016, the community was aware of Harmful Algal Blooms and 34% were concerned. In 2026, 55% call algae and HABs a problem.

Weed issues: The percent who said weeds were a problem grew from 44% in 2006 to 49% in 2016 to 68% in 2026.

Lake use friction: Rise of a sharp divide between enjoyment of quiet enjoyment and motorboat recreation.

Wildlife frustrations: Geese were the villains of 2006, replaced by beaver in 2016. Beaver remained the wildlife complaint in 2026.

John Jay senior Carlos Fonseca helped on the survey and its interpretation – Thank you!



Fish report 2026



Bass fishing in all three of our lakes continues to be very good as largemouth bass is the primary specie of fish that most of us are fishing for. A few smallmouth bass are in the lakes too.

Fishing was productive last summer and fall especially on days that are not so windy. Tackle for bass fishing should include a 7 foot medium action

spinning rod, a spinning reel and 8 to 10 pound test so that you can fight your bass through the weeds. Artificial worms are a good choice. NYSDEC regulations apply on all our



lakes and streams. As you might be aware, we have not stocked trout in any of the lakes in several years. This is due to lack of reports of trout being caught over the past few years.



Please let the 3LC know your thoughts.

Enjoy fishing on the lakes and be respectful to fisherman by slowing down when you get close.

Ron Tetelman

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Treasurer's Report

Three Lakes Council remains in a strong financial position. Our revenue outpaced our spending in 2025. Our revenue for 2025 was \$87,665, driven by very generous donations of \$78,906 and interest of \$8,759 from CD's and a sweep account. Total expenses were \$26,023, about 20% lower than 2024 and 17% lower than our recent average annual spending. This means that we are able to direct \$61,642 to future projects.

We match our spending with the priorities of the Three Lakes Council, and so we look at our expenses by initiative. Our annual spending does not reflect the substantial volunteer labor expended on these activities. We could not accomplish nearly as much without these dedicated individuals.

In 2025, our largest category of spending was for detection and control of **invasive species**: we spent \$6,508, or 25% of our 2025 expenditures. The biggest

component was the plant survey on Lake Waccabuc.

Our newsletter, website, and stewardship postcard expenses support our **education and outreach**. We spent \$6,319 in this category in 2025, 25% of our total expenses. This was driven by a three-year payment for our website hosting.

We spent \$5,187 on **lake studies and research**. This includes fees to participate in supplemental CSLAP sessions and lab expenses for extended season sampling. We assess water quality conditions and look for harmful algal blooms. This vital component of our mission was 20% of our 2025 spending.

Stewardship took \$3,633, which was 14% of our total spending. This was lower than typical because we relied on volunteers to maintain our trails and clear the channel of beaver debris.

As part of our general stewardship spending, we continue our investment in **Long Pond Preserve** stewardship. We believe it is

important for us to protect these lands to protect the lake. The preserve requires on-going attention and is in the capable hands of Kevin Karl.

Overhead represents our spending on fundraising and business operational fees. In 2025 it was \$4,376, or 17% of our spending. This category includes sizable bank fees for the sweep account that generates our interest income.

Thanks once again to every donor. You make our work to maintain this beautiful lake environment possible.

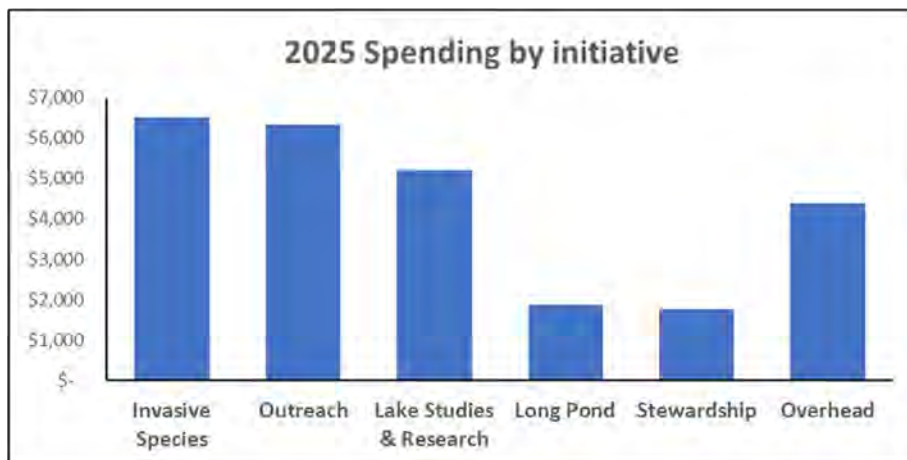
*Nan Dale
Treasurer, Three Lakes Council, Inc
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Tribute donations

Dan Nisbeth's family asked his friends to donate to the Three Lakes Council which "protects the beloved lake community where he lived." Thank you to Catherine Birns, Victoria Langley, and Sharon Slocum who each donated gifts in Dan's memory.

Sara and Carol Weale have donated in memory of Ross Weale, who served as Treasurer and was on the Three Lakes Council board and remained a devoted supporter of our lakes.

Thank you for sharing your love of the lakes this way.



Membership report

"We do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children."
Native American Proverb

For more than 55 years, the Three Lakes Council has been dedicated to our mission to protect and preserve our lakes. Thanks to the continued financial support and engagement of our local community, **we have been able to conduct important data driven studies, and educate residents on how we can all contribute to keeping our lakes healthy.**

We've kept our annual dues low—just \$55—to make it easier for everyone in our community to join. Although many households made generous donations above the annual dues, less than half of newsletter recipients joined in 2025. The number of members has dropped in the last two years. Your support directly enables us to continue our stewardship of our cherished lakes. Members are also welcome to our annual meeting on August 15 at the WCC Waterfront.

To join or renew your membership for 2026, you may return the membership form on page 14. You can also donate online through the PayPal Giving Fund. Be sure to include your name so we can recognize your contribution. You may use

this link: <https://www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/1371034> or scan the QR code provided below.



If you haven't already done so, we hope that you will consider joining or renewing in 2026. We welcome your questions, ideas, and feedback by e-mailing threelakescouncil@gmail.com

*Ellen Bailey
Membership Chair*

Membership matters

We have done some work to better understand our lake community. Owners of 316 homes have lake rights, either by direct lake frontage or through an association.

According to our bylaws, those are full members, and those

without lake rights are associate members. In 2025, 164 of households with lake rights became members. We also had 35 associate members. Some of these associate members may be members of the Waccabuc Country Club or have family on the lakes. We also had 3 anonymous members. If you give through PayPal Giving Fund, make sure to let us know who you are so we can properly acknowledge you!

We are happy to say that we have good participation from each lake association.

Membership varies year to year. Our target is to have at least 200 members since more members give us a louder voice. Now that we can more easily calculate those with lake rights, a new goal is to have at least half of those with lake rights join as members.

We are grateful to each one of you! Our voice for the lakes is stronger and more influential thanks to each member.

Association	2025 Members	members as % of association	members as % of total
Two Lake Club	63	61%	31%
Lakefront (no Assoc)	12	55%	6%
Lake Waccabuc Assoc.	51	52%	25%
Lakeside	4	44%	2%
Perch Bay	12	43%	6%
Lake Oscaleta Assn	10	42%	5%
South Shore WA	12	39%	6%
Total full members	164	52%	81%
Associate members	35		17%
Anonymous members	3		1%
Total members	202		100%



Thank you to all our 2025 members & ♥ to those who joined each of the past 10 years!

Adul Abdulali
Stephen & Betty Ackilli
Ellen Adrian ♥
Daryll & Amanda Alfieri
Mimi & Barry Alperin ♥
Kevin & Jayne Ambrosini
Janet Andersen ♥
Susan Annar
Anonymous
Claudia Aronow
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Gwen Higgins & Bernard Baldwin
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**THREE LAKES COUNCIL
ANNUAL MEETING
& POTLUCK**

Saturday, August 15, 2026 – 6 PM to 9 PM

Location: Waccabuc Country Club Waterfront

Rain location: Waccabuc Country Club Carriage House (90 Mead Street)

Menu: Appetizers, filet mignon, chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, beer, wine, soda and your “pot luck” contributions of salads and dessert

Free for families who have paid the \$55 annual membership.
Guests and non-members are welcome at \$25 per person.

*Reservations are critical to our planning process. If you will attend, please let us know by August 8. Fill out the response form and mail it to:
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Annual meeting and potluck reservation form

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I will bring: salad for 8 _____ or dessert for 8 _____ (please check one)

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