

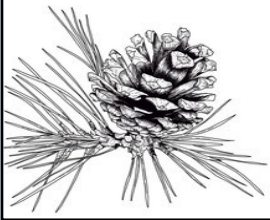
The Northwoods News

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Our mission is to maintain, enhance, preserve, improve and protect any property of the Association for the benefit and recreation of its members.

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Welcome to 2023

The Northwoods has been quiet since we met last September. Our biggest challenge was keeping up with the beavers that worked very hard to dam up the spillway before they settled down for the winter. We welcomed some new members and watched a lovely new home go up. The winter months were spent planning for next spring when we can resume work on the projects for improving the Northwoods.

The Northwoods holiday season was punctuated by the beautiful tree that graced the shores of our lake. Special thanks to Anne and Tom Reed who made it possible. We really appreciate all they and the elves (landscape volunteers) do to keep the lake and surrounding properties looking beautiful year-round.

The Holiday Party was held on December 10 at the Hitching Post. A good time was had by all who attended. A gathering of friends and neighbors, good food and good cheer was a great start to the holidays. A hearty performance of



This beautiful tree graced to shores of Forest Lake for the holidays thanks to Tom and Anne Reed and their merry elves.

the 12 Days of Christmas, led by the Fitchett clan, was the high point of the evening.

As we wait for the snow to melt, the mud to dry out and the snowbirds to return from warmer climes, our thoughts are on summer fun in the sun. It all begins with Spring Cleanup on Saturday May 21. Thank you in advance to the many volunteers who show up each year to get the beaches, dam and grounds spruced up for the summer.

(more photos on pg. 5)



Northwoods Update

NWA Board – There are changes to the Board as a result of the election at the September meeting. George Buhmaster, who served as Vice President for 8 years, resigned from the Board. Jerry Artale was elected the new Vice President and his Board position was filled by Don Kline. Thanks to George for his many years of service and welcome aboard to Don.

Membership – We are a remarkable group! Everyone is so supportive and willing to do their share in maintaining our wonderful resources. The money we save every time someone volunteers to help out is substantial, your help is greatly appreciated.



Dues are coming in strong. Over 60 members have already paid. Special thanks to Jerry Artale who is staying on top of those who are in arrears, helping to ensure that everyone pays their fair share. Thank you to the newer members who pay dues punctually and participate eagerly. Dues are used to pay taxes, utilities and all the other expenses of maintaining the beaches and woodlands. If you haven't paid yet, please do so immediately. If you've lost your invoice or didn't receive one, please use the form on page 6.

Treasury – We are in the green thanks to the proceeds from logging. The money is earmarked for expenses related to dam repairs and will help pay attorney, engineering and permitting fees.

Lake Management – CSLAP results remain stable. Our lakes are healthy and safe. We have no invasive species or harmful algal blooms. Rumor has it that the fishing is great! The weed "mowing" that was done last summer was deemed unsuccessful. It cost over \$10,000 and the weeds grew back in a week. Drawdown is a much better method of vegetation control and we continue to work towards getting repairs done to the drawdown channel and dam.



Dam Repairs – The quest to form a Park District and work with the Town of Luzerne for funding of the dam repairs is ongoing. The Town has promised a lot but has delivered little. We have hired a new attorney who is working hard to push the project forward but to date there is nothing new to report. Unfortunately postponing these much needed repairs while weather events become ever more extreme can lead to unfortunate outcomes, especially for those downstream.

Forest Management – Logging on Beach Mountain was very successful last year and will continue when conditions are suit-

In Loving Memory

Pat Fitchett passed away peacefully at home on November 2, in the loving care of her husband Bill, and family. Pat was a ray of sunshine, warming every one of the many hearts she touched. Her warmth will be missed on the slopes and the golf course and in the Northwoods. Pat was a generous and loving wife, mother, grandmother, friend, and neighbor, always willing to lend a hand and share a smile and a story.

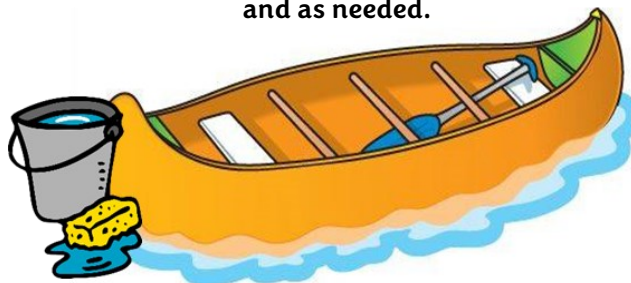
able. Richard St. Armand, our Forester, has been a joy to work with. He offers a lesson in trees and forestry with every visit we make to check out the operations. The selection of trees for cutting is done with great care, taking into account the health of the forest and the wildlife it supports.



Social Committee – The annual Picnic is always a great time to see all the neighbors and renew friendships after the long winter. Plan on attending this year's Picnic on July 1. Members at the last meeting suggested that we have a few informal gatherings under the tent during the summer months. One suggestion was that members could bring their own food and beverages and have a campfire and music. We will discuss this further at the July 1 meeting and will keep you informed.

Protect our lakes from Invasives

Wash your boat with bleach before entering the water each spring, after being in other bodies of water, and as needed.



Lakes and Woodlands

Lakefront Landscaping

When landscaping around water, it is important to balance your needs with the protection of the waterbody. A well-designed waterfront landscape will maintain access, views, and aesthetics along with stabilizing soil, protecting water quality and enhancing habitat for fish and wildlife.

While removing aquatic plants, installing seawalls and building sandy beaches is popular on lakefront properties, these activities destroy the natural features that protect lakes. The near shore or “littoral zone” area of a lake provides significant habitat to a variety of wildlife including dragonflies, fish, frogs and turtles.

In addition, aquatic plants help reduce shoreline erosion.

Planting and maintaining a lawn along the water’s edge can



be uninspiring and more importantly damaging to your lake or stream. The root system of lawn species are not deep or dense enough to protect the soil from the erosive nature of moving water. In addition, fertilizers and pesticides commonly used on lawns may enter the waterbody causing damage to fish and wildlife and increase the growth of aquatic vegetation and harmful algae. Replacing lawn along your water’s edge with a native plant garden is a great way to accomplish this. Any addition of a native tree, flowering shrub, or a handful of wildflowers can make a difference.

Native plants along water:

- Hold soil in place with either deep or laterally extensive roots systems
- Absorb and lessen energy from waves created by wind and boats
- Slow down water runoff from a sloping yard or landscape to allow pollutants such as sediments and contaminants to absorb before they reach the water
- Absorb nutrient runoff which helps keep the water clear of algae
- Provide key habitat for fish and wildlife

Michigan State University Extension, “Smart Gardening for Shorelands” November 24, 2020 - Author: Erick Elgin

On The Lookout For

Hemlock Woolly Adelgid



WINTER

The eastern hemlock is a dominant species in our forests – creating habitat wherever it stands tall and keeping our drinking water crisp and clear. An invasive insect called Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA) has spread across New York and

was recently spotted on Lake George. HWA is an aphid-like insect pest that feeds on hemlock trees with a piercing-sucking mouthpart. The damage to the Hemlock eventually leads to its death. Fortunately, if the infestation is caught early there are several ways of treating the infected trees and preventing the spread of the insect.



SUMMER

Hemlock trees are everywhere in the Northwoods; in our forest, along our roads and in our yards. You can help stop the spread by joining scientists, conservationists, and volunteers across the state in monitoring the spread of HWA. Look for hemlock trees and check for white fuzz balls (HWA egg masses) on the undersides of the twigs. These are best seen from late October through May. In the summer, HWA looks like tiny, black sesame seeds surrounded by a thin halo of white wool. To learn more about HWA and to report a possible infestation go to www.imapinvasives.org/resources.

Thinking of Having a Party This Summer?



Robert and Nicole Henderson had a beautiful day and many well-wishers for their wedding day. The elegant decorations are amazing!

Think about having your party under the tent on the Northwoods beach. The tent is up all summer with several picnic tables, a charcoal grill, fire pit and outhouse available for your use. Your guests can enjoy the use of the lake and there is plenty of parking. All you need to do is reserve your date with Rose O’Boyle at woboyle@roadrunner.com. We ask that you leave the grounds the way you found them and that you will be responsible for your guests’ behavior and safety.

Last summer the tents were used for several events. The Dunn Family had a great reunion with relatives from several states. Colin Dunham (Nick Picioccio’s grandson) celebrated his high school graduation with his family and friends. Two of our newest members, Robert and Nicole Henderson were married under the tent.



Colin Dunham (red shorts) celebrates his high school graduation with friends. “Many of his friends started coming to the beach with us in elementary school so they love the lake as much as we do! Thank you so much again!” Michelle (Picioccio) Dunham—proud Mom



The Dunham family. The adults can soak and chat while the kids have fun on the lake.

2023 NWA CALENDAR

Spring Clean-up

9am on May 20
(rain date May 21)

Board Meeting

11 am on June 29

General Membership Mtg.

10am on July 1

Annual Picnic

2 pm on July 1
(rain date July 2)

Board Meeting

11 am on August 31

General Membership Mtg.

10 am on Sept. 2

Holiday Party

TBA



Volunteers needed for Spring Cleanup
 May 21 9am - 1pm
 Meet on the Beach.
 BYO rakes, tools, power tools, chain-saw, 4 wheeler, tractor, etc.



50/50 Winners

October	#10 Glen Fitchett
November	#40 Erin Buhrmaster
December	#24 Peter Aitkin
January	#36 Wendy Buhrmaster
February	#21 Teresa Wilson
March	#17 Terry Palmer
April	#10 Carol Michalec



Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all who participate for your support. Good luck in future drawings.



Anne Reed and Bill Fitchett select the perfect tree.



The elves decorate the tree . Jan & George Buhrmaster, Bill and Scott Fitchett., Tom Reed and Heather Murphy



Annual Picnic

July 1 2pm-?

Great food, good people, fun and games for kids of all ages, bonfire and smores

Please bring an app, salad or dessert to share.

Volunteers needed to set up, shop and grill.

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\$250 Dues are past due!

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