

The Northwoods News

Lake Luzerne

New York



Summer 2022

Controlling our Aquatic Vegetation

Northwoods residents agree that our enjoyment of the lakes is negatively impacted by excessive aquatic vegetation. Historically, we have controlled vegetation with a biannual winter drawdown of the lake. The exposed shoreline freezes and the roots of plants are killed. We have not been able to draw down for several years due to the failure of the bypass culvert. The vegetation has gotten worse and it looks like it will be a few more years before culvert repairs are made.

The Board recently met with a contractor who can mow the vegetation. The final decision to proceed or not will be voted on by the General Membership at the July 2 meeting. Here are some pros and cons to consider before deciding.

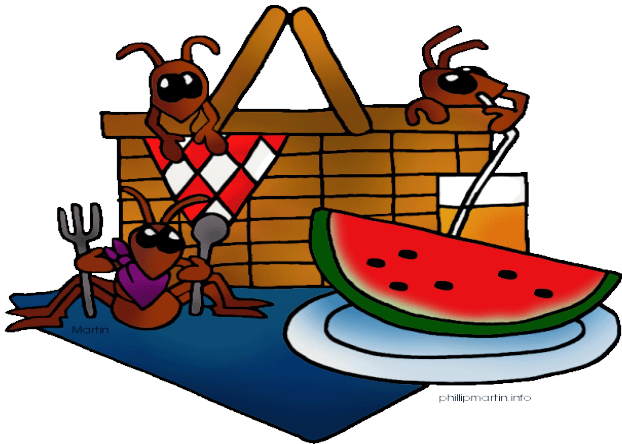
- Weedo would mow a 100 ft. wide swath down the middle of the lake from the beach to the Rustic. Another path would go from Allure spillway across the shallow bay to 9N. This would take 2 to 3 days at a cost of \$2300 per day. The cuttings will be removed to our dumpsite.

- Individual homeowners can have their lakefront mowed at their own expense. The cost is \$250 per hour. Most sites can be done in an hour or less.
- Harvesting removes the nutrients stored within the plant material. These nutrients are no longer available for the remaining plants.
- Removing the vegetation may help to deepen our lakes a little, making it harder for plants to grow. Our lakes have over a foot of muck on the bottom, made up of decaying vegetation.
- Mowing is NOT a permanent cure. The vegetation WILL grow back. This is something that must be done annually to maintain the results.
- Plant fragments that are not picked up and removed from the lake can spread to other parts of the lake.

Bring your thoughts and questions to the July 2 meeting and we will continue the discussion before making a final decision.

NWA Picnic is Saturday July 2 at 2:00PM

We are planning our annual picnic and look forward to seeing you there. Thank you to all of you who have helped in the past. We are looking for more volunteers to assist us. As always the association will be providing hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments, some snacks, water and soda, paper goods, and activities for the children. This has become similar to a Pot Luck type of event and everyone seems to enjoy the variety.



We could use some additional dishes, such as, sausage and peppers, chicken (any kind as long as its pre cooked), chili, pulled pork, kielbasa, something vegan and of course anything you think people might enjoy. We will also need salads: potato, coleslaw, macaroni, pasta etc. We are not asking you to cook for the whole group, just a ½ tray aluminum size pan. As in the past, desserts are also appreciated.

Other jobs:

- Set up tents and tables a day or two before, and clean up the day after.
- Set up cooking area, table cloths, snacks on tables etc. an hour or two before start.
- Sign in table 2 people to check people in and collect the \$5.00 fee per attendee (under 14 free)

Please let Cathie Wall know what you can do to help, cmwall28@aol.com or leave message at 518-696-2014

Northwoods Dues

Northwoods Treasurer, Bill Fitchett, is happy to announce a record number of dues have already been received. The second payment is due on July 1 for those members who chose to pay in two installments. If you haven't paid yet, please remit \$250 today.

Make checks payable to "Northwoods Association, Inc." and remit to

Bill Fitchett, Treasurer
2 Tall Pines Drive
Lake Luzerne, NY 12846

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Northwoods Address _____

Email _____

Home phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Saturday, July 2 is the big day!

General Membership Meeting at 10am in the picnic area

Annual Picnic at 2pm

Canoes, Kayaks etc.

Boats are a great way to enjoy our beautiful lakes. Before setting out for a paddle be sure to follow some simple guidelines.

All boats should be washed with bleach before entering the lake. This is especially true if you have been in other waterbodies.

The jumble of boats tied down around the fishing dock makes it very difficult to walk around the area. Please keep all boats beyond the dock.

The owner of this paddleboat must remove it immediately. It appears that it hasn't been used in a very long time. The water it has accumulated is a petri dish for mosquitos and disease. **IF THIS BOAT IS NOT REMOVED IMMEDIATELY, IT WILL BE MOVED TO THE TRANSFER STATION BY THE ASSOCIATION.**



