



# Newsletter 2012

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## President's Letter

**T**oday I find myself staring out to the western shore of Lake Michigan on the "Gold Coast" of Chicago on Lakeshore Drive. The water is just as blue as the sunlit, cloud free sky. Sailboats and sporty watercraft populate the water's surface clear to the horizon. There are a few huge freighters in sight, and the beachfront is filled with young adults numbering in the thousands and having great fun. Truly a beautiful painting along the skyline of the Windy City. **And all I can think about right now is "how do they ever address the pollution problems and invasive species issues in their lake?"**

Aren't we most fortunate to be living here in the Three Lakes community and enjoying this beautiful and unique environment! The challenges in protecting our watershed and our lakes cannot be compared to the challenges of our Great Lakes, however, our attention and actions are highly important to maintaining and improving the quality of our watershed and the inherent value of our three lakes. We all have a very important role to play in this process.

The **Three Lakes Council's** annual newsletter keeps you informed and tries to transfer knowledge to our readers that will help improve the environment in which we live. In the 2012 edition, you will find a number of articles that discuss effective lake management practices. Personally making changes in your lifestyle and implementing "lake friendly"

household practices will have a positive effect for years to come. Try making one new change after reading the newsletter!

A sincere "Thank You" to our more than 200 contributors and to our cadre of volunteers who enable the Three Lakes Council to operate and to work on important priorities for over forty years now. Our mission is to preserve the beauty and quality of our lakes through education, scientific study, and advocacy in and around our community. Your support makes this happen.

Enjoy the 2012 newsletter, have a great summer on the lakes, and keep the focus. Thank you.

*Jack Sinnott, President  
Three Lakes Council*



## Beavers in the Three Lakes

In the fall of 2009, residents started reporting frequent beaver activity on our lakes. In 2011, the beavers constructed a lodge on Lake Oscaleta across from the Two Lake Club. During that year, they also began damming the channel between Oscaleta and Waccabuc at the east entrance to the culvert under Oscaleta Road. Beavers damaged trees on all three lakes.

In March 2012, the board of directors of the Three Lakes Council heard the report of a task force and formulated a plan. A general concern was that a beaver dam would change the environment and affect our lakes, and three specific issues were identified:

1. destruction of trees and bushes
2. flooding of lakeside property
3. impeding boat traffic between the lakes

Experts agree that beaver are instinctive dam builders and that trapping the beaver is the only way to stop the damming activity, at least for a period of a few years before new beaver arrive. Trap and transport is not allowed, so trapping kills the beaver. Before we took that fatal step, we discussed continuing to dismantle the dam. Experts advised us that dam removal is likely to be a losing battle, especially during the fall when the beavers are most active dam building. Since trapping is a difficult and contentious decision,

your representatives on the board agreed on a beaver plan.

The **beaver plan** will engage residents and resources:

1. Volunteers to clear the dam at the culvert and move sticks and debris to the side of the road
2. Town Highway department to remove dam debris from the roadside
3. The council to install a gate so that Highway can use a backhoe to remove dam material
4. 3LC website to have ways to protect trees from beaver damage
5. Volunteers to monitor water levels on each of the three lakes

The beaver plan also set **criteria**. The criteria that trigger trapping the beaver are:

1. There aren't enough volunteers to keep the channels clear
2. A dam causes water levels in one lake to be more than 6" above the next lake
3. Damming activity blocks boat travel between the lakes on two consecutive weekends
4. Beavers begin damming at a location where dam removal is unworkable
5. A beaver causes unprovoked injury to a person
6. The board determines there are other changes that will cause significant long term negative effects on the lake environment

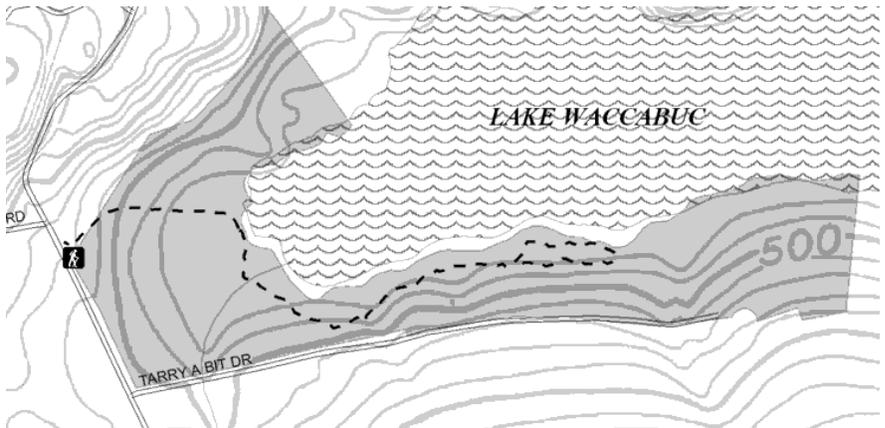
In sum, this is a difficult situation. The decision to attempt to remove the dam comes from the sense that we should try to live in harmony with nature and not kill animals if the problems are manageable. The decision to set specific criteria and be prepared to trap comes from the expert advisors and our concern

about potential long-term and short-term effects of beaver colonization of our lakes.

*Peter Gross*

## Long Pond Preserve

Long Pond Preserve, at the west end of Lake Waccabuc, consists of 37 acres of protected land for hiking and birding. Between Mead Street and Lake Waccabuc lies a wet meadow. Along Tarry-a-bit Road the preserve contains second growth forest. Waccabuc Creek runs from Waccabuc County Club through Long Pond Preserve, and there are also few intermittent streams on the preserve. We have planted new trees along Waccabuc Creek to help stabilize the



stream banks. You may have seen the white tree tubes in the field that protect these new trees.

Long Pond Preserve became a The Nature Conservancy property in 1981, and transfers to Westchester Land Trust in 2012. The Three Lakes Council, which has been involved in stewardship activities on the preserve with The Nature Conservancy, will work in partnership with Westchester Land Trust as ambassadors for the preserve. Westchester Land Trust has agreed to continue The Nature Conservancy policies for the property. People can walk on the preserve trail, but there is no access to the lake from preserve lands. **This**

**means that no swimming, fishing, or boating is allowed from the preserve.** Three Lakes Council is especially concerned about invasive species arriving at the lake by visitors carrying gear across Long Pond Preserve. Invasive plants, animals, algae, and viruses are in nearby lakes and rivers. Aquatic invasive species hitchhike from one lake to another on boats, fishing gear, bait buckets, floats, water toys, life jackets and more. Many invasive species are not always visible so you can't tell if gear is clean or if it's infested by looking at it. The only way to be sure is to keep that equipment out.

Acting as preserve ambassadors, a team of people led by John Lemke will remind preserve visitors of these

rules and of the importance of keeping invasive species out of our lakes. Please contact John Lemke if you are interested in helping with this activity. And of course if you see dangerous or destructive behavior on the property, please call the town police.

Visitors are **welcome** to Long Pond Preserve to:

- Walk the trails
- Observe nature and wildlife
- Participate in scientific research

The following activities are **restricted** on Long Pond Preserve:

- No lake access is allowed, including swimming, fishing, paddle boarding, or boating
- No picnicking, alcoholic consumption, or littering
- No boat storage or boat launching
- No dogs or other pets

## State of the Lakes - Results of Lake Sampling in 2011

Three Lakes volunteers performed lake monitoring in 2011. The most extensive monitoring is with CSLAP, Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program, a program managed by NYSDEC and the NY Federation of Lake Associations. We also sampled lake algae for harmful algal blooms, and had our “goop and zoop” analyzed for the species of algae and zooplankton (critters) in the water. The amount of nutrients in the lake water can be a dominant factor in the overall health of the lake. Just like people, if there is too much or too little in the way of nutrients, it’s not healthy for our lakes. While our lakes are not the lake equivalent of morbidly obese, they are overweight – they enjoy a bit too many nutrients.



### Lake Rippowam

Lake Rippowam is the smallest and shallowest of the Three Lakes, and has the greatest proportion of undeveloped shore. Lake Rippowam’s trophic state is mesoeutrophic, that is, it has a medium high level of nutrients. The lake’s deep waters lack oxygen in the summer, but the lake is more weakly

stratified than the other lakes, so the deep cold waters occasionally mix with the warmer surface waters, bringing nutrients to the surface. This enables algae growth, and therefore the lake clarity is sometimes less on Rippowam than the other lakes. Plant surveys identified only six aquatic plant species on this lake, one of which was invasive. This is a less diverse plant population than the other lakes, and the invasive plant, Eurasian water milfoil, is dominant. Low levels of blue-green algae toxins were found in Lake Rippowam in 2010 and 2011. Based on the fish species, the lake is a warm water fishery. The state record striped hybrid bass was caught in Rippowam in 2000. Perceptions of the water clarity and amount of algae in the water was slightly worse in 2011 than in prior years. Aquatic life is stressed by the lack of deep water oxygen and the presence of invasive plant species. The range of test results over the past five years are probably within the normal variability of the lake and the overall assessment is that lake conditions are stable.

### Lake Oscaleta

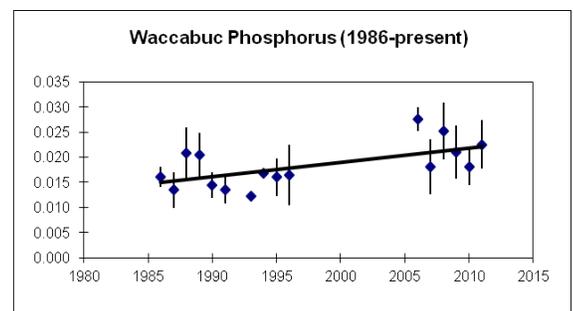
Lake Oscaleta is the middle lake, both in the chain of the three lakes, and in size and depth, although it has the largest individual watershed. The trophic state remains mesoeutrophic, that is, medium high in nutrients, and the deep waters continue lose oxygen each year.

Macrophyte surveys have identified 23 aquatic plant species in this lake. Since four plant species are non-native, plant diversity is threatened by invasive species. Low levels of blue-green algae toxins were found in 2010 and 2011, with wide variation during the

season. Based on the species distribution as provided by state fisheries, the lake appears to be primarily a warm water fishery. Over the years of testing, water clarity and weed growth sometimes affected the perception of swimming and boating enjoyment. The presence of invasive species and the lack of deep water oxygen mean aquatic life is stressed. Lake Oscaleta’s results have been fairly stable over the last 5 years of testing, with readings that appear to be within the normal variability of the lake.

### Lake Waccabuc

Lake Waccabuc’s trophic state continues to be mesoeutrophic: like the other lakes, it has medium-high levels of nutrients. We have a longer sampling history on Lake Waccabuc than on our other two lakes. Over the last two decades, the nutrient phosphorus has trended higher, which may contribute to more algal blooms. The deeper, colder waters of Lake Waccabuc lack oxygen for much of the year. Surveys have identified 25 aquatic plants, including five invasive species. Plant diversity is threatened by the invasives. The most aggressive invasive plant species is Brazilian elodea, which the Three Lakes Council has been working to control since 2008. Low levels of blue-green algae were found in open lake samples in 2011, with higher levels found in a bloom sample. Lake Waccabuc had higher counts of algae and blue-green algae in 2011 than we have seen in past years. Based on the distribution of



fish species, Lake Waccabuc has been classified as a warm water fishery. Past studies showed only moderate benthic organism diversity. Waccabuc is the only lake of the three that is classified as a drinking water lake, and there are indications that algae or lake chemistry may cause some taste and odor problems, so it is considered impaired for that use. Lake plants and the lack of water clarity can threaten conditions for swimming in the lake. The presence of invasive plants and the lack of deep water oxygen mean that conditions for aquatic life are stressed. Most results appear to be within the normal variation of the lake, so the overall assessment is that lake conditions are stable.

## 3LC Participates in Research on Harmful Algal Blooms

Many lakes have reported harmful algal blooms in recent years. No one knows why these freshwater blooms seem to be on the increase. In New York, the Department of Health (DOH) began a study in 2009 to see if harmful algal blooms are connected to physical or chemical lake parameters. The DOH asked lake volunteers who are collecting CSLAP samples on the lakes to collect open water and algal bloom samples as well.

Most lakes, ours included, have several different kinds of algae: green, golden, filamentous, and blue-green. Blue-green algae can produce toxins. Not all blue-green algae blooms are "harmful algae blooms", or HABs, which occur only when the blue-green algae produces toxins. Scientists don't know what conditions make the algae "turn on" or "turn off" the production of toxins. DOH measures a toxin, microcystin, in the water samples to

determine whether the blue-green algae bloom is harmful.

Three Lakes volunteers have participated in this study since its start. Unfortunately, the analysis takes time, and we don't get the results while the bloom is underway. There are no numerical guidance values in New York State, or for the US as a whole. This is partially because blooms and toxicity can change rapidly. An international organization has established 10 to 20 parts per billion (ppb) as a guideline for skin contact, and 1 ppb for drinking water.

A graph of the toxins in open water samples collected over the past three years shows that our toxin levels have been below 1 ppb in open water. DOH asked for one sample in each of

August, September, and October, and toxin results were generally highest in the October samples, when exposure from swimming is less likely.

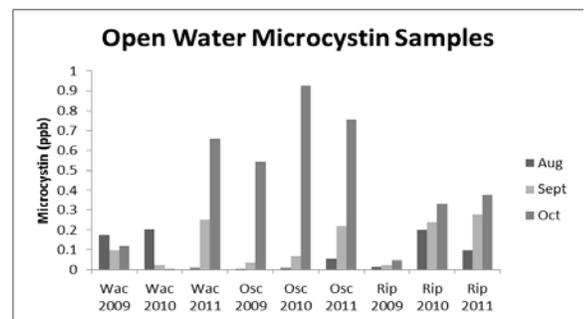
Bloom samples were collected in Waccabuc and Rippowam in 2009 and 2011. The table shows the toxin amounts in the bloom collections. Bloom samples collected in October, when contact is less frequent, had toxin levels above the guidance levels for swimming.

Bloom Water Samples			
Microcystin (ppb)	Aug	Sept	Oct
Waccabuc 2009	1.86	2.33	288.16
Waccabuc 2011	0.27		37.10
Rippowam 2011			8.92

What do we do with the knowledge that some samples contained HABs in the past, but we may not have timely data when we see a bloom? The DOH guidance about what to do when you see a bloom is common sense. Avoid

contact with any highly colored waters or scums. If you or your pets get covered with algae scum, wipe or wash it off as soon as possible. Pets in particular can ingest toxins as they groom themselves, so rinse them off with clean water.

Blue-green algae and harmful algal blooms will receive more publicity and research in the future. The Three Lakes Council will participate in research whenever possible to help better understand this emerging issue. For more information, you can visit the DEC HAB page at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/77118.html>



## BEEP Report

*(This is a summary of our story so far. For more details, see past newsletters or the website.)*

BEEP, or the Brazilian Elodea Eradication Project, began in 2008 when this noxious invasive plant *Egeria densa*, or Brazilian elodea, was discovered in the North Cove of Lake Waccabuc during a routine aquatic plant survey. Someone dumping an aquarium most likely brought Brazilian elodea to the lake. Alternatively, it may have escaped from a water garden in a heavy rain. We don't think it was brought in by a boat, as Brazilian elodea is not known to be in neighboring lakes.

Brazilian elodea grows aggressively and will take over the bottom of a lake, and it can grow in mats on the surface even where the bottom is too deep to support plants. It is listed as one of the ten worst invasive plants in NYS, and experts recommended that the Three Lakes Council take action against the Brazilian elodea.



Volunteers extended their monitoring and weed pulling out to the island and neighboring shores. Scuba gear was needed to pull the Brazilian elodea growing in relatively deep water on the north side of the island. All of the plants in that vicinity were hand pulled in an effort to collect all of the Brazilian elodea.

#### 2011 Activities

After consulting with experts and residents, in 2009 the Three Lakes Council hired a vendor to perform suction harvesting on 1.7 acres of the North Cove. All of the plants growing in that area were removed in an effort to get all of the Brazilian elodea that had been discovered in the lake. Since it's very difficult to get all plants, fragments, and root crowns, we began volunteer monitoring and harvesting of any plants we found in August of that year. Volunteers continued to monitor the site by snorkeling and scuba, and removed many Brazilian elodea (or *Egeria densa*) plants and fragments during 2009 and 2010.

To supplement our volunteer monitoring, in 2010 we hired Allied Biological to repeat their rake toss survey of the lake, and no *Egeria densa* was found in the cove where we had done the suction harvesting and monitored for it. However, the invasive plant was located in one small area on the north side of the island. This area was outside of the previous known infestation area, beyond where the containment curtain had been set up, and outside the scope of the prior intensive monitoring. This was not good news.

Illness and injury limited swimming, snorkeling, and scuba in the summer of 2011 by the same volunteers who had done the searches and harvesting in 2009 and 2010. The Three Lakes Council called back the professionals to help survey for the plant. In 2011, the vendor used three rake tosses (instead of two) at each point to improve the chances of finding more plants at each sampling location. We are pleased to report that Allied Biological did not find any *Egeria densa* in 2011.

The Three Lakes Council also hired a different professional to survey the plants on lakes Oscaleta and Rippowam. This was partially to ensure that Brazilian elodea had not spread into those lakes. The rake toss survey was supplemented with an extensive surface search and plant gathering. In addition, a shoreline survey documented the emergent plants, some of which are protected in New York. Specimens of all of the aquatic plants collected were submitted to herbaria to create a historical record.

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Our 2011 results tell us that the plant wasn't found in our rake toss surveys, but we can't be absolutely confident that it is not in our lakes. Rake toss surveys are a good, repeatable way to measure density and diversity, but they won't necessarily find every plant in the lake.

### 2012 Plans

After the most recent winter with no ice cover, and a warm spring, the lakes had an early turnover, and Waccabuc had a spring bloom. The murky conditions slowed the start of any in-water search activities, but we plan to have volunteer snorkel and scuba monitoring when the visibility improves. We may hire outside scuba divers to help with the search. We plan to have professionals perform both a rake toss survey and a surface-shoreline survey in Lake Waccabuc in 2012.

Again, none of this could be done without the generosity of the Three Lakes community. Thank you.

And we rely more than ever on anyone who is around the lakes – that means you - to keep an eye out for any unfamiliar or suspicious plants. Please contact us if you see any plants that you don't recognize in the lake. You can collect a sample or take a photo and email it to [ThreeLakesCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:ThreeLakesCouncil@gmail.com)

## Pick up after your Pets!

It might not seem like a lot from any one animal, but consider all the dogs and cats every day, and pet waste contributes a significant amount of pollution and bacteria to our lakes. Please – pick up your pet's poop and deposit it in the trash. Your environment and your neighbors will thank you.

## Regulatory Reminders

### **Phosphorus-Free Fertilizer Regulations**

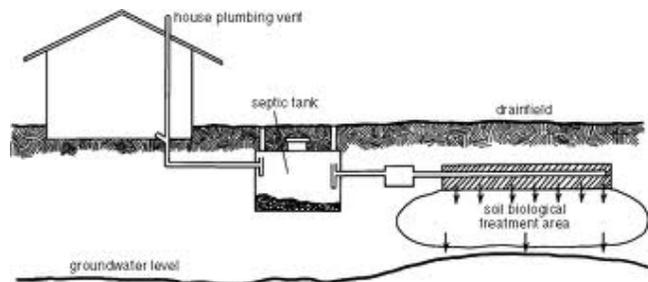
Legal restrictions apply to homeowners, home-improvement contractors, and lawn-service companies.



- Use only phosphorus-free fertilizer on lawns unless a soil test indicates phosphorus is low.
- Apply fertilizer only when the ground is not frozen (April 1 to December 1).
- Do not apply fertilizer to lawn areas within 20 feet of any surface water, unless a natural vegetative buffer at least 10 feet wide separates the lawn area and the surface water.

### **Septic System Pumping Law**

Septic systems in the town of Lewisboro must be pumped and inspected at least every 5 years. When you have your system pumped, your vendor will provide Westchester County with a record of that pumping. Many systems in this area are smaller in size or in substandard soil so that they should be pumped every 2 to 3 years, and smaller systems may need even more frequent pumping. Use of a garbage disposal will cut the time between pumpings in half. Failure to pump out the septic tank may mean that solids will clog up septic fields and cause failure. A faulty septic system can cause significant pollution to lakes and rivers.



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Pumping your septic is one way to show that you love your lake!

### **Plastics recycling**

In Westchester, all garbage haulers must now accept and recycle plastics labeled 1 through 7. Recycling helps reduce landfill requirements and reduces the demand for oil.



### **Plastic bag recycling**

In NYS, large stores that offer plastic bags to their customers must accept and recycle plastic bags. Less than 1% of the 100 billion plastic bags used annually are recycled. Recycling these bags reduces litter, helps to protect wildlife, and lessens the material in landfills. In addition, recycled plastic bags can be reused in plastic lumber, plastic bags and other products, therefore lowering the demand for oil.

### **Prescription drug drop-off**

Do not flush prescription drugs down the toilet! Improper disposal of prescription drugs can harm your septic fields and the environment. You can drop off unwanted drugs, or those beyond their use-by date, in the lobby of the Ridgefield, CT Police Station at 76 East Ridge Road. The drugs can be dropped off anonymously 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Questions? Call 203-431-2798.



## Only you can prevent the spread of invasive species

It is much easier to prevent the spread of invasives than to control them once they arrive! New invasives were found in the Three Lakes in the last few years.

- Brazilian elodea, curly leaf pondweed, and brittle naiad are all recent arrivals. Curly leaf pondweed was found in Lakes Truesdale and Katonah long before arriving in our lakes, although we don't know how it got to our lakes.
- We continue to monitor for more new invasive threats.

## Check and clean boats and trailers before you put a boat in the lake.

- Are you using a shared trailer? If the trailer has been in other lakes, make sure it was cleaned thoroughly. It's up to you to inspect it before it comes into our lakes – and make sure it leaves clean too!
- Don't ask marinas to "check out" your motor in other lakes that can have invasives. Motors often hold water and spread invasives from one lake to another.

## Only use native plants and animals in water features and small ponds.

- Floods or heavy rains can help species escape into waterways.
- Many invasive species have spread this way, including water chestnut and Asian carp.

## Never add any plants or animals to a lake.

- Never move bait fish from one lake to another.
- Don't put anything into the lake that didn't come from that lake.
- Do not dump the content of an aquarium or fish bowl into a lake when you tire of it. Many potent invasives have been spread from aquariums, including Brazilian elodea.

## Area waters have been infested with easily transported invasive pests.

- Zebra and quagga mussels are in the Hudson River and Fairfield County lakes.
- Water chestnut is in the Hudson River and in Mountain Lakes Park
- Didymo ("rock snot") is in nearby trout fishing streams
- Invasive snails are in Timber Lake in Goldens Bridge

## Fishing Report

This fishing season is off to a great start.



Pickerel population seems to be exploding in Oscaleta and is currently the best that I have

experienced since living on the lakes. I remember when I was a kid living in Mount Kisco, my dad brought me to Oscaleta to ice fish for pickerel, which was always very good fishing. When I moved onto the lake about 35 years ago I tried for pickerel and they were hard to find. About a month ago I caught 21 pickerel in about 2 hours. Also making a showing are rock bass, which have been all but non-existent in our lakes for a long time. Teddy Laguidara and Alex Novak caught 2 or 3 about a week or two ago and that is indeed very rare. There is an unconfirmed report of a huge crappie caught in Waccabuc that went over the 3 pound mark. Keith Hughes has been doing well with both trout and



Teddy Laguidara with a 7+ lb bass

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bass in Waccabuc. I know of at least one bass that was caught and released this year that was probably in the 7+ pound class as it was a shade over 23 inches.

Speaking of trout, members of the fish committee with the help of others stocked Waccabuc and Oscaleta with 11 inch brown trout on June 5 this year. About 350 trout were added to Waccabuc and 150 into Oscaleta. The committee has been doing research relative to stocking hybrid bass and walleye. Also discussed was stocking crayfish that might bolster the very healthy bass population. I think it is safe to say the committee wants to make sure nothing is done that will have an adverse effect on the great bass fishing that we currently enjoy. Along another tack, John Lemke contacted the lake manager and there is a good chance that we will be doing some creel surveys this year. Doing that should provide us with some benchmark data, valuable for future planning.

If anyone who is not currently on the committee would like to take part, please let me know and I'll add you to our email list. If you're interested in giving fishing a try, or you have a child that might be interested, please give me a call.

Thanks and get out fishing.

*Joe Tansey*

## Goose Population Stabilization update

We continued in our sixth year of goose egg oiling, and oiled 39 eggs in 11 nests. We aim to slow the explosive, unnatural growth in geese population on our lakes. We hope you

will notice the difference in fewer goose droppings and improved water clarity. Please don't feed the geese, it's not healthy for them or for the lakes, and will encourage them to stay. We like to see them fly by, not take up residence!



## Critter update

Look who's in the neighborhood! This year we've had a number of unusual critter sightings.

- Beaver stayed in Oscaleta over the winter in large lodge across from the Two Lake Club beach. You can spot where they've cut trees and branches.
- Raccoons visited bird feeders and compost piles. Keep your bird feeders and garbage indoors at night to keep raccoons (and bears, too) from becoming regular and destructive visitors.
- Fisher cats have been heard calling at night around our lakes.
- Bald eagles, loons, mergansers, and osprey were seasonal visitors.

- A bobcat visited our neighborhood.

And we've gotten used to seeing coyote, deer, fox, turtles, swans, geese, and owls. Remember that all of these are wild animals and do not approach or feed them. Keep an eye out and share what you see!

## Google Groups for Communications

Google groups allow us to reach the members of our community without the expense of mailings, and to provide news and information in a timely fashion. To join the Google group for Three Lakes Council and get lake stewardship information, contact [ThreeLakesCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:ThreeLakesCouncil@gmail.com).

A separate group serves as a community bulletin board for discussion of issues in the community ranging from yard sales to heating oil prices. Join this group by contacting Tara Owen at [tara@taocommunications.com](mailto:tara@taocommunications.com)

The anglers of the Three Lakes also have a Google group. To join this "fish net", contact Joe Tansey at [JoeTansey@msn.com](mailto:JoeTansey@msn.com)

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We are pleased that we have reached a membership level at least 200 neighbors each year since 2008, along with continued support in our general contributions. Thank you to

all that joined the Three Lakes Council in 2011. Your contributions fund our ongoing lake management, water testing, sampling of algae and zooplankton, fish stocking, website, insurance, taxes, seminars, newsletter and the annual meeting and picnic. Please talk up the good things being done by 3LC and encourage your neighbors to join. You can find more information about our activities and how to join on our website.

The 3LC 2011 Budget planned for \$35,700 in expenses including \$7,500 for continued monitoring for the invasive plant, Brazilian Elodea, and some reserves for special projects.

Actual expenditures for 2011 were \$24,235. This leaves us in excellent financial shape for 2012. We will be able to continue our stewardship activities, keep pursuing our research initiatives, and fund our ongoing projects. We also have sufficient funds in our separate Brazilian elodea account to continue our monitoring in 2012.

Thank you for all your financial support, which makes our work to maintain the beautiful lake environment possible.

*-John Lemke  
Treasurer, Three Lakes Council, Inc.  
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**THREE LAKES COUNCIL**  
**ANNUAL MEETING & PICNIC**  
**Saturday, August 11, 2012, 6 PM to 9 PM**

**Location:** Waccabuc Country Club Beach Facility  
In case of rain, the meeting will be held at the Waccabuc Country Club Carriage House (on Mead St)

**Menu:** Filet mignon, chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, beer, wine, soda with "pot luck" salads and dessert

**Admission:**  
Free for families who have paid the \$55 annual membership.  
Guests and non-members are welcome at \$25 per person.  
The fee for each guest under age 18 is \$10.

*Reservations are critical to our planning process.  
If you will attend, please fill out the response form and mail it to:  
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or send an email with the information to [ThreeLakesCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:ThreeLakesCouncil@gmail.com)*

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Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Local address \_\_\_\_\_  
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I will bring: salad for 8 \_\_\_\_\_ or dessert for 8 \_\_\_\_\_

Number of members attending picnic: \_\_\_\_\_

Family membership (if not already paid) @ \$55	\$	_____
Adult guests # _____ @ \$25	\$	_____
Guests under 18 # _____ @ \$10	\$	_____
Total	\$	_____

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