



# Newsletter 2016

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## President's Letter

It's so great to see residents active around our lakes. Swimmers, boaters, and fishermen are out on our beautiful lakes again, enjoying sun, water, and breezes. We are so fortunate to have this wonderful environment and community.

This year we have some big news. As I hope you know, in November 2015, the Three Lakes Council acquired Long Pond Preserve. The board carefully considered the impact of this increase in our responsibilities before proceeding. We felt that the preserve is critically important to protect the water quality of our lakes, and we were concerned that ownership might transfer to someone who was not as concerned about lake water quality and environment.

While Long Pond Preserve was a small preserve for The Nature Conservancy, it's a big deal for us. We do not plan any significant changes. We have updated the posted signs and trail markers. We have more work to do. We will continue invasive removal and tending the trees along the creek, and we anticipate continued patrols to keep invasive species and rowdy behavior out. We are also working with the town to ensure that the wetland basin is maintained and operating as designed to treat polluted water before it reaches the lake.

We hope that you will support the Three Lakes Council as we take on the stewardship of this preserve. If you haven't visited the preserve recently, please walk the trail and see what a treasure we have acquired.

This preserve has kept us busy, but it's not all we've been doing. Continue reading this newsletter to find an update on the results of our lake testing. Be sure to read about local invasive plants and how boats should be cleaned to keep invasives out of our lakes.

We hope you'll join us at our Picnic and Annual Meeting at the Waccabuc Country Club on July 30, to hear more about these topics and anything new. See you there and around the lakes!

*Jan Andersen, President  
Three Lakes Council*

## 3LC owns Long Pond Preserve

Long Pond Preserve is now owned by the Three Lakes Council – that is, it's owned by you, the members of 3LC. As the custodian of this property, we can help safeguard Lake Waccabuc's waters. Long Pond Preserve serves a critical role

in protecting water quality of the lake from polluted runoff from the surrounding lands and roads. The preserve conserves important habitats for native plants and animals. The meadow scenes benefit the community all year long.



Long Pond Preserve is about 37 acres of wet meadow and upland forest bordered by Mead

Street, Tarry-a-bit, Lake Waccabuc, and private properties. Lake Waccabuc was once known as Long Pond, hence the preserve name.

The Preserve includes a seven-acre wet meadow along the Mead Road frontage which overlooks the west end of the lake. The remainder of the Preserve is forested.

Waccabuc Creek enters the Preserve at the southwest corner of the property and flows into the lake within the Preserve shoreline. This creek carries water from the WCC golf course, under Tarry-a-bit, and ends at a sand bar at the west end of Lake Waccabuc. Smaller, sometimes intermittent streams also flow across the preserve from the north and south. Wetlands extend back from the

lake shore along the stream corridor and northwest towards the preserve entrance. Skunk cabbage is prevalent in the wetlands. However, the property is also dense with invasive plants, including Japanese barberry (a haven for ticks), and phragmites.

Forested areas of the preserve are dominated by mature hardwoods, including beech, maple and oak. Mature hemlocks occupy portions of the forest community above the southern shoreline. Heavy browsing by white-tailed deer limits the density of the understory, and is the reason for the protective tree tubes for the young trees planted along Waccabuc Creek. These trees reduce erosion and, as they grow, will provide cooling shade to the stream's water.

A short trail provides walking access through Long Pond Preserve and runs parallel to the southern lake shore. Some old iron machinery is near the loop split on the trail; these are remnants of a 19th century ice house. Imagine winters when an ice harvesting business could flourish! A boathouse and a water pumping



station also once occupied portions of the preserve but there is little evidence of those structures today.

While the preserve is open for walking and observing nature, no lake access is allowed from the preserve. No swimming, fishing, boat launching, or boat storage is allowed. Boats, floats, and fishing gear can transfer invasive species from one lake to another. No picnicking is allowed because no sanitary facilities are on the property. Because this nature preserve has unique habitat for birds and ground animals, we discourage the presence of pets that might disturb them, especially during migration and nesting periods. The preserve is open dawn to dusk.

A wetland basin on the preserve near Mead Street handles polluted runoff from Mead Street. It treats sediment and phosphorous before the water makes it way to the lake.

One of our many tasks will be to develop a new management plan for Long Pond Preserve to help us prioritize our activities at the preserve. Volunteers are welcome!

If you haven't done so already, visit and become acquainted with our beautiful preserve.

## Trees and willows at Long Pond Preserve

Although 3LC has only recently taken ownership of Long Pond Preserve, we have participated in long term activities to improve the water quality of the lake and to improve the habitat at the preserve. Here's an update.

### Willow stakes

Willows have deep roots that stabilize eroding banks. To grow new willows, live stakes about 3 feet long, without roots or shoots, are driven into the banks. We hadn't tried this before but decided to give it a shot. At the end of March, Paul Lewis, John



Lemke, Joe Tansey, Lou Feeney, and I installed 50 willow stakes along one of the stream meanders. As of mid-May, many of these stakes had sprouts 4 to 6" long. If the willows do well this summer, we'll plan to stake another

stream segment next spring.

### Trees for tribs

This DEC program started re-vegetating Hudson River tributaries in 2007 to improve water quality. The successful program was expanded statewide. 3LC was an early participant. Our initial trees and shrubs were planted by the John Jay environmental science class in May 2008. We found that the shrubs became deer fodder. For subsequent plantings we used different species of trees and no shrubs. Over years the tree tubes were tuned to a better color for growth and more aerodynamic for air circulation – who knew there was so much science to keeping the deer from munching our trees? Still, on my last visit to the preserve, I saw a deer browsing - I wish I could say I spooked it, but it calmly ambled off, mouth full.



## Vernal Pool Walk

As a life-long frog fancier, I like to imagine that the little balloon man is my favorite harbinger of spring, the Spring peeper, singing from a “mud-luscious” vernal pool in Mountain Lakes Park.



Paul Lewis, Elise Tetelman, Wendy Stein

Vernal pools are temporary – ephemeral – pools of water that provide crucial habitat for the survival of some amphibian species. Lacking fish, these ponds provide the only safe habitat for eggs of obligatory species such as Wood frogs and Spotted salamanders to hatch and develop without being eaten.

Before vernal pools dry up, the tadpoles within must develop legs and wander off into the woods for their adult lives on land. During March I hike to Mountain Lakes Park almost daily, keeping my eyes and ears open to determine when vernal pool life will peak.

Since it is difficult to predict when the pools will come to

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E. E. Cummings

life, I cross my fingers before I announce the date of my vernal pool walks on [3lakes@googlegroups.com](mailto:3lakes@googlegroups.com). This year's walks were on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> and about 50 “kids of all ages” came along for the fun.

Watch for the notice of next year's walk!



Paul Lewis

## State of the Lakes – Water Quality

A quick summary provided by NYS DEC.

### What was the condition of our lakes in 2015?

The condition of **Lake Waccabuc** was probably close to usual in 2015; water clarity was slightly higher, but phosphorus readings were also slightly higher and algae levels were close to normal. There is

no new evidence of Brazilian elodea in the lake.

Conditions in **Lake Oscaleta** were close to normal in 2015. Water clarity was slightly higher than usual, particularly early in the summer, and no shoreline blooms were reported.

Conditions in **Lake Rippowam** were again similar to those measured in previous years. Both water clarity and chlorophyll a levels were slightly lower than normal, but these differences were small.

### Is there anything new that showed up in the testing in 2015?

Chloride sampling results are typical of lakes with moderate impacts from road salt runoff, although no actual biological or other impacts have been apparent.

### How does the condition of our lake in 2015 compare with other lakes in the area?

**Lake Waccabuc** had similar water clarity, and slightly lower nutrient levels and algae levels, than other nearby lakes. Aquatic plant coverage is slightly higher than in many of these other lakes.

**Lake Oscaleta** had slightly better water clarity, and slightly lower nutrient levels and algae levels, than other nearby lakes. Aquatic plant coverage is comparable to the plant coverage in most of these nearby lakes.

**Lake Rippowam** had slightly lower water clarity, and slightly higher nutrient levels and algae levels, than other nearby lakes. Aquatic plant coverage is

slightly higher than in most of these nearby lakes.

**Are there any trends in our lake's condition?**

Phosphorus readings in **Waccabuc** have been slightly higher since the early 1990s, and plant coverage has increased over the same period (although these phenomena are likely not directly connected). pH and conductivity have recently increased slightly.

Conductivity readings in **Oscatele** have increased over the last decade, perhaps related to slightly elevated chloride levels. Phosphorus readings rose slightly at the surface and lake bottom from 2007 to 2015, although this has not resulted in any other (apparent) trophic changes.

Water clarity readings in **Rippowam** have decreased slightly (and water quality perception has degraded slightly) over the last decade, in

response to a slight increase in algae levels. Although the change in deepwater phosphorus readings has been the most significant change, impacts to the surface nutrient levels or other water quality indicators have not been measured.

**Should we be concerned about the condition of our lake? Are we close to a tipping point?**

**Waccabuc's** water quality conditions already indicated a moderate to high susceptibility to blooms and invasive species, although blooms are not regularly reported in some years. The rise in phosphorus may have exacerbated these conditions.

Water quality conditions in **Oscatele** already indicated a potential susceptibility to blooms, and these may still occur. The rise in phosphorus may have exacerbated these conditions. Potential sources of

conductivity should be evaluated, given the small rise in conductivity over the last decade.

The recent rise in phosphorus readings in **Rippowam** may indicate a longer-term trend; it is not known if the periodically elevated algae levels seen in some years (and in spring and fall most years) are part of a longer-term trend. The lake should continue to be evaluated for more frequent occurrences of water quality problems.

**Are any actions indicated, based on the trends and this year's results?**

For **all three lakes**, individual stewardship activities such as pumping your septic system, growing a buffer of native plants next to the water bodies, and reducing erosion from shoreline properties and runoff into the lake will help to improve lake health by reducing nutrient and sediment loading to the lake. This may be

2015 at a glance – as assessed by NYS DEC			
Lake Uses	Rippowam	Oscatele	Waccabuc
Potable water	Not applicable	Not applicable	 algal levels, deepwater metals
Swimming	 algal blooms	 algal blooms	 algal blooms
Boating & Fishing	 algae blooms	 invasive plants	 algae blooms, invasive plants
Aquatic Life	 high pH, low oxygen at depth, & invasive plants	 high pH, low oxygen at depth, & invasive plants	 high pH, low oxygen at depth, high ammonia, & plants
Aesthetics	 algae levels	 invasive plants	 invasive plants
Habitat	 invasive plants	 invasive plants	 invasive plants
<b>Key:</b>	 Supported	 Threatened	 Stressed
			 Impaired

particularly important given the apparent rise in conductivity in recent years. Visiting boats should be discouraged, and new boats arriving to the lakes should be inspected to reduce the risk of new invasive species, since nearby lakes harbor several invasive species not presently found in these lakes. We should be vigilant about preventing water chestnut from becoming established.

## How to Clean Boats

NYS mandates **reasonable precautions** to prevent the spread of invasive species by boat traffic. Of course the best precaution is not to take your boat to another waterbody. But if you must, here's how to clean your boats before you bring them back to our lakes - according to the regulations.

Reasonable precautions are **cleaning, draining, and treating** before launching your boat into a body of water.

**Cleaning** means that any visible plant or animal materials have been removed from the boat and disposed away from the waterbody.

**Draining** removes water from the watercraft and the watercraft's motor, bilge, and all other areas of the watercraft. Drain offsite and so that drained water, potentially carrying invasives, does not run into any waterbody.

**Treat the watercraft.** Treat by at least one of three methods:

### Algae levels:

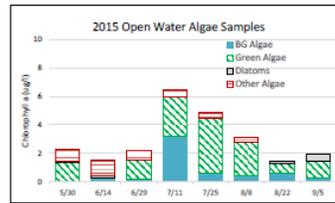


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2015 Open Water Algae Types  
Waccabuc

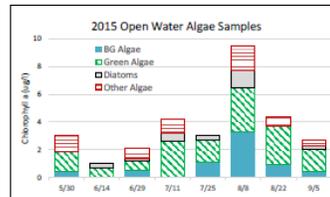


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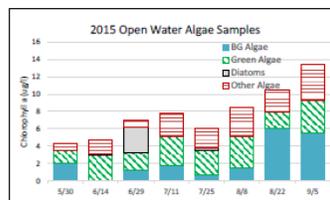
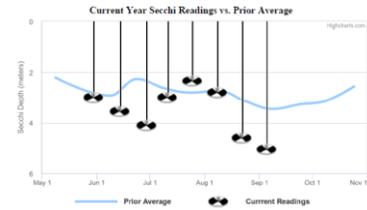
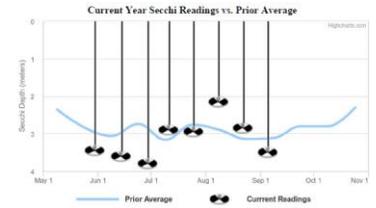


Figure D17:  
2015 Open Water Algae Types  
Rippowam

### 2015 clarity vs prior years:



Waccabuc – better



Oscaleta – stable



Rippowam – stable

air drying, rinsing or, as a last resort, towel drying.

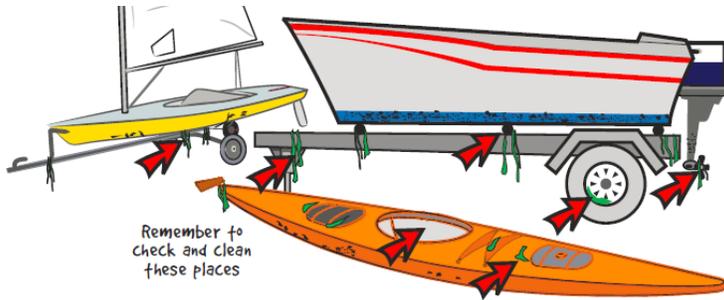
**Air Dry** either in dry, warm conditions or subfreezing temperatures.

- Air dry watercraft and trailers, uncovered, out of the water, and exposed to the sun or in a heated building for at least five days.
- Alternatively, store watercraft and trailers in continuous subfreezing temperatures for at least three days.

**Rinse.** Follow the steps as appropriate to the watercraft. In all cases make sure the water

used does not drain into a waterbody.

- **Rinse hull and other external areas** or equipment with high pressure (2,500 psi) hot water (140 degrees F) for 30 seconds.
- **Flush water cooled motors** with water for two minutes.
- Flush the bilge area, live wells, bait wells and other water-holding compartments with hot water at a temperature of 140 degrees F for 30 seconds.



- If hot water is not available, thoroughly rinse the boat hull and flush water holding compartments with the warmest water available.
- Clean cold water is acceptable only if it is the only water available.

**Towel Dry.** Use only in cases where the watercraft cannot be air dried or rinsed. Towel dry all portions of the watercraft hull, engine, trailer and associated equipment that have been in contact with one waterbody prior to launching in another waterbody.

Notice that just taking the visible plants, animals, and mud off the boats is never enough.

Thank you for following these steps to avoid moving invasive species into our lakes!

## Boating & Boat Stickers

Local customs supplement NYS and town regulations in governing motor boat use on the three lakes.

### 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 is allowed only between 10 am and 4 pm, and must include a spotter and the driver on board.

### New York Law

NY requires mandatory boater education for all motor boat operators born on or after May 1, 1996. A boating refresher course is useful education for everyone.

### Informal lake 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.

### Boat stickers

Three Lakes Council issues boat stickers as part of our education on the transport of invasive species. Boats spread invasives, and stickers help us know which boats belong on the lake. Boat stickers are also useful to return misplaced boats to their owners. A boat sticker request form is included in this newsletter – use it to get your boats registered!

### Be careful with gas and oil.

Gasoline is hazardous near water. Just one gallon of gasoline can contaminate one million gallons of water.

## Fishing Report 2016



Well the good news for 2016 is that the

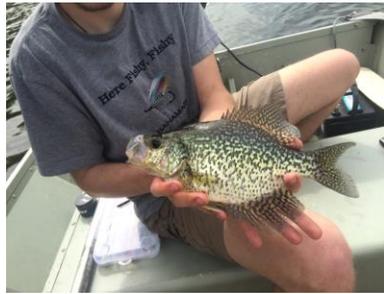
fishing continues to be great, as it has been for the past 3 to 4 years. There is no doubt that to find better overall fishing somewhere else would be a challenge for sure. Again this year, I'm getting reports of large mouth bass in the 8-pound class, making it about the third year in a row we have seen such large fish. The bass went on their beds about 3 weeks earlier than other years, probably because of the warm winter. I received a report the other day that a friend who was fishing the west end of Oscaleta caught 10 pickerel in a two hour outing. Teddy and Alex reported catching 3 large rockbass in Oscaleta along with lots of bass and crappie. That is great news, especially since last year I saw only one rockbass and that one was spawning near my dock.

Probably the most notable difference this spring is the number of crappie being caught. Not only are there a lot of big slab size ones but also more small ones (5-7 inches) than anyone has seen before - which suggests that there must have been a large spawn rate in 2014 because a 2 year old fish would be about 7 inches. Another fellow fisherman told me that he was out for about 4 hours and caught 150 small crappie--"ya got to love a good fish story". Not sure about the

150 - but still lots of action. The best crappie action is in the eastern end of Waccabuc, as well as both ends of Oscaleta and Rippowam. Rippowam seems to have the consistently larger fish so far this year.

We did stock 500 brown trout of the 11 inch size (350 in Waccabuc and 150 in Oscaleta) in mid May and we had lots of helpers of all ages, with a good time had by all. I've also heard reports of 5-6 trout in the 3 to 5 pound range being caught in Waccabuc but no report of trout in Oscaleta so far.

Ok enough for the written word. Now it is show and tell time: How about this slab size crappie?



Get out and go fishing---take a kid with you.

*Joe Tansey*

## Watch for our 3LC Survey!

It's time to hear from you! Watch your mail box for a user survey. We'll send it later this summer, when your lake experiences are fresh at hand. Please fill out the survey and return it to us.

Our last user survey was in the fall of 2006, and we want to get an update of your views. Some of the issues and regulations around the lakes have changed, and many new people have joined our community.

We listen and take actions! In 2006, you told us that geese and their "calling cards" were a big problem. We researched approaches, found volunteers, and now we all don't have to dodge as much goose poop. You told us how you use the lakes and how you'd prefer to fund our activities. We also heard how important Lake Waccabuc is as a source of household water. You supported restrictions on phosphorus in fertilizer, and so we advocated for county and state legislative actions. You suggested more email

communications, so we started the 3LC google group, which now has over 400 participants. But ten years have gone by and it is time for an update. In order to

compare the results, many of the questions are the same as the last survey. We also welcome and carefully consider your write-in comments. Please participate this year! We had a great response 10 years ago, and hope we will do as well with this survey. And of course, you can always send a message to [threelakescouncil@gmail.com](mailto:threelakescouncil@gmail.com)

## Help wanted

The Three Lakes Council has a backlog of projects waiting for volunteers. Here's a brief list of projects that need doing. If you want to work on any of these,

please contact us at [threelakescouncil@gmail.com](mailto:threelakescouncil@gmail.com)

- Update 3LC website – refresh the website and provide more capabilities. Looking for WordPress experience to advise and support this project
- Social media project – establish a Facebook presence for Three Lakes Council
- Updated boat stickers – Susan Annar has volunteered for this project – thank you Susan!
- Drone photo project – use a drone's camera to document and assess lake plant and algae status

In addition, some existing committees welcome new participants:

- Beaver crew – clear debris – Contact Joe Tansey: [joetansey@msn.com](mailto:joetansey@msn.com)
- Long Pond Preserve trail committee – Contact Kevin Karl
- Long Pond Preserve patrol – prevent more invasives by educating preserve visitors about the rules - contact John Lemke: [blockisland44@att.net](mailto:blockisland44@att.net)

## Google groups

Google groups allow us 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)

## Success in Goose Management

Complaints about geese – and their droppings – rose to a crescendo

ten years ago, when 88% of residents said on our survey that geese were a problem. Not surprising when you consider that a goose poops an average of 92 times each day!



In 2007, Three Lakes Council began a goose management project. Volunteers attended Geesepeace seminars to learn about geese control. The goal is to remove the reasons for geese to stay during their summer molt.

1. Don't feed the geese.  
Human food is not healthy for geese but keeps them around.
2. Reduce nesting success.  
Nesting failure occurs in nature. Oil on eggs prevents egg development. It's better than removing eggs, which makes it likely that the geese will make a new nest.
3. Site aversion, or chasing geese away from the lakes.  
Harassment is legal, but harming geese is not. The effort required to chase geese dropped after the first few years as they discovered greener pastures.

The geese team has oiled geese eggs each spring starting in 2007. While

initially nests and eggs were found on all three lakes, over time the number of nests and eggs on the lakes have declined. Apparently the geese get discouraged and move elsewhere. In the past few years, nests and eggs have been found only on Lake Waccabuc. We don't find all the nests - most years, like this one, a few goslings are found on our lakes.

The chart below shows the number of eggs has declined from almost 120 to about 20, and the number of nests from 27 to 5 (shown on different axes).

This success story is the result of the efforts of intrepid egg oilers who brave the squawking each spring. Thank you!

## 3LC Membership Supports Environmental Actions

Maintenance of the health and well-being of the lakes is a responsibility shared by us all, and the Three Lakes Council leads the effort. Your membership and support enables continued research, education, and stewardship actions.

The Three Lakes Council is the only organization around the Three Lakes that can act on the environmental status and concerns expressed by

residents of all three lakes and their surrounding watershed. Since 1970, our members have enabled us to take actions to improve or safeguard the water quality of our three lakes. We do research and communicate the results of our scientific investigations. Starting this year, we have responsibility for Long Pond Preserve. In addition, increased membership gives us a stronger voice as we advocate for lake issues.

We appreciate volunteers who can offer their time to help us accomplish our mission – and we have many projects awaiting more volunteer hands. We realize that not everyone can prioritize their limited time to this organization. By becoming a member, you can actively support the varied and good work being done by the volunteers in this organization.

Membership is just \$55. We keep this fee low so all can afford to join, and we are grateful for the many generous donors who contribute much more. We truly appreciate those of you who renew your membership every year.

If you are a member – thank you! If you haven't joined yet this year, please do so now. You can find a membership form in this newsletter or on our website. Only your support enables the Three Lakes Council to fulfill its commitment to our lakes, our watershed, and our residents.

*Doug Housman*

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## Weather-wise

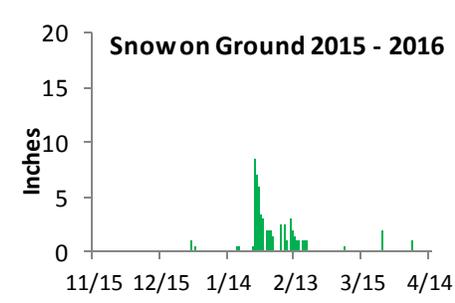
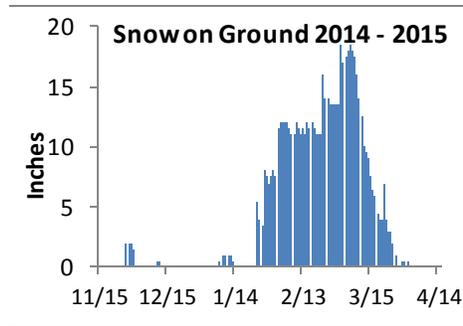
Most of us will rejoice that last winter was so mild – and data supports our observations!

Ice out was February 25 in 2016, while the prior year it was April 7. This year we had 21.4" of snow, while the prior year we shoveled 49.2".

These charts demonstrate that the snow we had also stayed on the ground for a shorter amount of time than the prior winter.

## Keep wild animals wild! Don't feed wild animals.

Waterfowl and wild animals should not be fed. People food generally isn't good for animals. In particular, feeding bread to swans and geese can cause a deformity called "angel wing". Wild animals who are fed may lose their natural fear of people, and they can then be harmed easily. Feedings may make animals aggressive around people or spread diseases between animals, such as chronic wasting disease in deer and Aspergillosis in waterfowl. Young animals who get handouts may not develop foraging skills and may be unable to thrive on their own. If you want to help wild animals, plant native habitat or their natural food sources.



And, as the exception that proves the rule, most experts agree that feeding wild birds in winter is fine. Most invasive species are brought to our lakes by that most unpredictable of species – humans. Please don't allow invasive species to get a free ride into our lakes.

- Don't take boats, trailers, and motors from one body of water to another – invasives can hitchhike!
- Don't take fishing gear, bait buckets, or other water toys from one lake to another without cleaning and drying them.
- Don't release aquarium plants, fish, and snails into waters that they can then infect. Don't dump bait buckets.

**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. Bag recycle containers can be found locally at DeCicco's.

- Plant only native species in water features or koi ponds. Heavy rain and wind can carry plants and animals out of their containments. Many pests travel in the roots of non-native plants.
- Express concern about invasive species to elected officials or advocacy groups.

Invasive species are spread by people. Please help protect our lakes by ensuring any gear is clean and dry before bringing it into the three lakes.

## Electronics Recycling.

The Town of Lewisboro has opened an e-waste Recycling Center, open on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. The center is located behind the Town House, 11 Main Street, South Salem. Almost all electronic devices are accepted except CRT screens and TVs. All hard drives are either sanitized or destroyed. Find more information at [www.lewisborogov.com](http://www.lewisborogov.com)

### Match the phosphorus.

We know each pound of phosphorus can produce 500 to 1000 pounds of algae and plants. But where does phosphorus come from? See if you can match the amount produced each year by:



1. A typical dog



A. 3 pounds a year



2. An average person



B. 3.8 pounds a year



3. pair of geese



C. 0.2 (one fifth) pounds a year



4. An acre of forest



D. 3.6 pounds a year



5. An acre of lawn



E. 1.0 pound a year

**Answers: 1 D, 2 A, 3 B, 4 C, 5 E**



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Preserve Patrol:	John Lemke
Membership:	Doug Housman
Newsletter:	Stephanie Harding
Annual Mtg & Picnic:	Kelley Housman

Contact any of the above through  
[ThreeLakesCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:ThreeLakesCouncil@gmail.com)



# Three Lakes Council

## Membership Form

*Join and be an important part of the Three Lakes Community. Unite for an effective environmental voice. Your contributions fund our research, water quality monitoring, outreach, fish stocking, invasive species actions, and stewardship efforts.*

*Three Lakes Council is a 501(c)(3) organization (EIN: 13-2873769)*

Name(s) : \_\_\_\_\_

### Local Address

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

### Mailing Address (if different)

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership: ..... \$ 55

Additional contribution: ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total: ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to Three Lakes Council and mail to:

**Three Lakes Council  
PO Box 241  
South Salem, NY 10590**

Matching Grant forms are gratefully accepted. Thank you for your support!

Our latest annual report can be obtained, upon request, from Three Lakes Council at the address above, or from the Charities Bureau, 120 Broadway, 3rd Floor, New York, New York 10271

Please note that membership in the Three Lakes does not convey lake rights.

## Treasurer's Report

### 2015 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS:



The Three Lakes Council enjoyed another successful year in 2015 with continued good membership levels and generous contributors. But by far the most significant event was the acquisition of the Long Pond Preserve from The Nature Conservancy.

Long Pond Preserve was donated to us, which means it counts as income like any other donation. The preserve is valued at \$183,000. In addition, we received contributions of \$35,870 from 218 donors.

We've had over 200 members join, and member donations have been above \$30,000 for the past several years, which has enabled us to continue our work. Thank you to all that made donations in 2015. Your magnanimous contributions fund our ongoing lake management, water testing, sampling for harmful algal blooms, fish stocking, website, insurance, taxes, seminars, newsletter, mailings, and the annual meeting and potluck – and now, maintenance of Long Pond Preserve. Please talk up the good things being done by 3LC and encourage your neighbors to join.

The 3LC 2015 expenses were \$25,091, which included \$7,818 for the continue surveillance for invasive species as a continuation of BEEP. We spent \$4,093 in outreach and

education, which covered elements like the newsletter, other publications, and our website. Our lake water quality studies cost \$2,166. Stewardship activities, including expenses for the acquisition of Long Pond Preserve, totaled \$8,722. Overhead, including taxes and insurance, was \$2,292.

We are in strong financial shape for 2016. We will be able to continue our stewardship activities, initiatives, and to invest additional funds in needed activities at Long Pond Preserve.

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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## Help prevent invasive species

Most invasive species are brought to our lakes by that most unpredictable of species – humans. Please don't allow invasive species to get a free ride into our lakes.

- Don't take boats, trailers, and motors from one body of water to another – invasives can hitchhike!
- Don't take fishing gear, bait buckets, or other water toys from one lake to another without cleaning and drying them.
- Don't release aquarium plants, fish, and snails into waters that they can then

infect. Don't dump bait buckets.

- Plant only native species in water features or koi ponds. Heavy rain and wind can carry plants and animals out of their containments. Many pests travel in the roots of non-native plants.
- Express concern about invasive species to elected officials or advocacy groups.

Invasive species are spread by people. Please help protect our lakes by ensuring any gear is clean and dry before bringing it into the three lakes.

## 3LC Newsletter Wins Award

The NYS Federation of Lake Associations announced that the Three Lakes Council newsletter won their newsletter award for our 2015 newsletter. Since 3LC competes with large professional organizations from the Finger Lakes, Lake George and Lake Champlain, this is truly an honor. Thanks to all of our contributors and to our editor, Stephanie Harding!

### 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!



# Three Lakes Council

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## Boat Registration Form and Request for Three Lakes Council Boat Sticker

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Mailing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ (City) (State) (Zip) \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ (City) (State) (Zip)

### Affiliated Organization:

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lake Osaleta Assoc.  | <input type="checkbox"/> South Shore Assoc.          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lake Waccabuc Assoc. | <input type="checkbox"/> Two Lakes Club              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lakeside Assoc.      | <input type="checkbox"/> Waccabuc Country Club       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Perch Bay Assoc.     | <input type="checkbox"/> Waccabuc Landowners Council |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> None                        |

Number of Stickers Requested: \_\_\_\_\_ (supply information below for each sticker)

### Description of Boat and Motor if applicable:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

Please include boat make, color, engine make, horsepower or other descriptive information for ease of identification if boat is found and sticker is not legible. Also, if boat is not kept at residence, please indicate the location where it is kept. (dock, right of way, etc.)

You must have deeded lake rights and authorized access to the lakes to have a boat sticker.

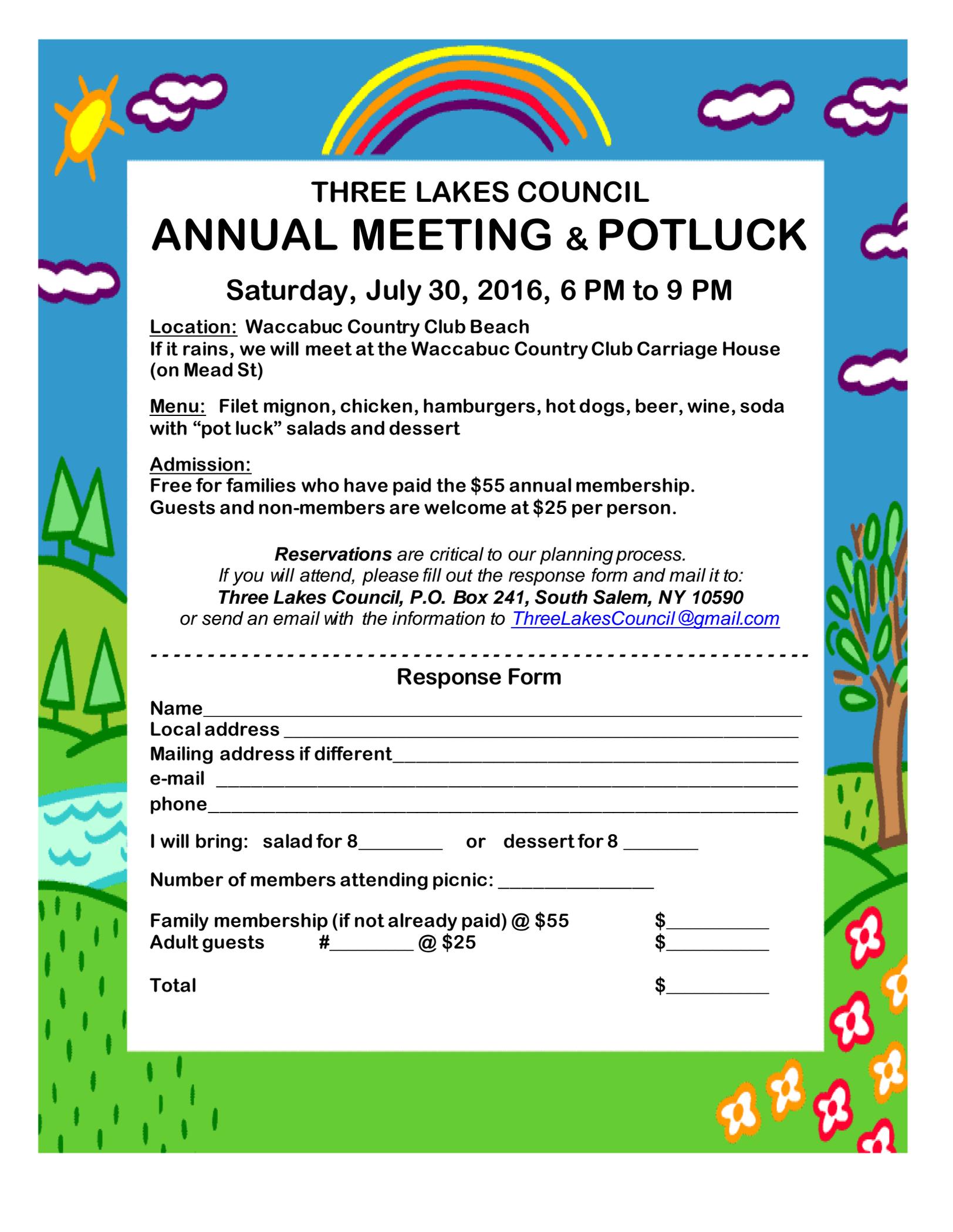
Return form to address above or to [ThreeLakesCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:ThreeLakesCouncil@gmail.com)

## Thank you to all of our 2015 members

Sophie Molholm & Adil Abdulali  
 Ellen Adrian  
 Darrell Alfieri  
 Mimi & Barry Alperin  
 Janet Andersen  
 Susan Annar  
 Robin Arita  
 Richard Attridge  
 Ellen & John Bailey  
 Deborah Baker  
 Armand & Loretta Bassi  
 Peter & Lyn Beardsley  
 Stephen & Patricia Beckwith  
 Ferne Bendel  
 Jennifer Fisher & David Berger  
 Susan Berk  
 Alan & Elaine Berman  
 Robert & Amy Bernstein  
 Janice Billingsley  
 Devera Black  
 Patrick Black  
 Lee Blum  
 Patricia Bobletz  
 Barry & Terry Bocklet  
 Jenette Barrow & William Bosshart  
 Joo In Kang & Roland Breitenacker  
 David & Joy Brenner  
 Curtis Brockelman  
 Barbara Hickox & Stephen Brodie  
 Regina Anderson & Christian Brutzer  
 Brian Bunker  
 Ed Buroughs  
 John & Patti Burr  
 Jean Mitchell & Frederick Cannon  
 Ed & Francesca Cantine  
 Barbara Capo  
 David & Laura Caravella  
 Dominick & Agnes Catalano  
 Nancy Walsh & Jack Cedarholm  
 Audrey Cirulli  
 Linda Van Tassel Clark  
 Stephanie Steifel & Robert Cohen  
 Rick & Bobbie Cohan  
 Joan Colello  
 Eugene & Lois Colley  
 John & Ingrid Connolly  
 Eugene & Linda Conroy  
 Frederick & Christina Cowles  
 James & Jane Crimmins  
 Nan Dale  
 Ann Goodson & Kevin Daley  
 Robert & Peggy Daley  
 Gail & Edward Delaney  
 Richard Dickens  
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 Kenneth & Janet Donohue  
 Raymond Duffy, Jr.  
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 Jenny & John Eckerson  
 Linda Broudy & David Eggers  
 Jane Balanoff & Jean Emond  
 Andrew Federiw  
 George Federiw  
 Lou Feeney  
 Senia Erlich Feiner  
 Paul & Katharine Fennelly  
 Richard & Christine Ferrarone  
 William Finke  
 Karen Foley  
 Ronald & Georgia Frasch  
 Bart & Wendy Friedman  
 Lou & Lois Froelich  
 Donald Gale  
 Joe & Jennifer Garrity  
 Jeffrey & Paula Gaynor  
 Kelly & Eric Germa  
 Renee Goldstein

Neil & Beth Gollogly  
 Chris Culler & Melissa Gordon  
 Mariana Canelo & Michael Gordon  
 Allan & Alice Gottlieb  
 Scott Mori & Carol Gracie  
 James & Elizabeth Grant  
 Michael & Mary Greenblatt  
 Peter & Elizabeth Gross  
 Carl & Merrill Grossman  
 Michael & Mary Grossman  
 Waldie & Barbara Gullen  
 June Gumbel  
 Robert & Karen Gureasko  
 Peter Hall  
 Richard & Martha Handler  
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 Ethna Harris  
 Susan Harris  
 Sara Hartley  
 Judy Hausman  
 Susan & James Henry  
 Richard & Liza Henshaw  
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 Katherine Hersch  
 Theresa Doherty & Scott Hershman  
 Thomas & Mary Herzog  
 Cameron & Jennifer Hillyer  
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 David Venarde & Sara Horowitz  
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 Argie & George Kazazis  
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 Paul & Beth Llanos  
 Andrew & Alison Llewellyn  
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 Matthew & Andrea Lustig  
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 Randolph & Helen Marshall  
 Alan Mason  
 Harriet Mayer  
 Alejandra Salazar & William McArthur  
 Robert & Carol McBride  
 Desmond & Catherine McGowan  
 James & Carol McMonagle  
 David Migden  
 Mike Miller  
 Ellen Dougherty & Robert Mishkin  
 Rick Verdant & Katherine Moreau  
 Lauren Moss  
 Joan Nisbeth  
 Sondra & Austin O'Hanlon  
 Wayne & Victoria Ohlandt  
 Stephen Olsson  
 Christopher Owen  
 Malcom Frank & Tara Owen  
 Elizabeth Palmer  
 Jen McQuaid & Jorge Pedraza

Marianne Pei  
 Mary Jane Massie & William Pelton  
 George & Sara Peterkin  
 Christopher & Fatima Peters  
 Dave & Judy Petro  
 Victor & Joanne Ponzio  
 Barbara Posner  
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 Sheaffer & Lindsay Reese  
 Ogden & Mary Louise Reid  
 Susan Wolf & Stephen Reynolds  
 Robert & Tom Reynolds  
 Peter & Audrey Rinaldi  
 David & Shannon Robinette  
 Bonnie Robins  
 Harold & Edie Rosenbaum  
 Allan & Marion Ross  
 Robby & Kathryn Rothfeld  
 Howard & Fran Rubin  
 James Ryan  
 Arthur Rauch & Lynn Saidenberg  
 Nick & Lisa Savastano  
 Melissa Benzuly & Jonathan Schaffzin  
 Howard & Anne Schneider  
 Scott Letcher & Jeff Schoenfeld  
 Michael Schwartz  
 Stephen & Wendy Shalen  
 Arthur & Miriam Shane  
 William & Diane Shannon  
 Michael & Vivien Shelanski  
 Denise Simon  
 Les & Susan Simon  
 Patricia Simpson  
 Sharon Slocum  
 Donald & Elina Smith  
 Andrea Joyce Kuslits & Harry Smith  
 R. Bailey & Gail Stewart  
 David & Kristin Stewart  
 Michael & Susan Stillman  
 Ursula Strauss  
 Henry Strickrodt  
 Richard & Raina Stuart  
 Daniel & Kathryn Sullivan  
 Paul & Nancy Sutera  
 Andrew & Kathleen Sutton  
 Daniel Sweeney  
 Joe & Susan Tansey  
 Eugene & Anne-Marie Tedaldi  
 Lewis & Barbara Terman  
 Ronald & Ann Marie Tetelman  
 Otto & Justine Theurkauf  
 Catherine Baggaley & Keith Thompson  
 Peter & Betty Treyz  
 Lauren Van Kirk  
 Alayne Vlachos  
 Waccabuc Country Club  
 Marc Wachtell  
 Susan & Ken Wallach  
 Elizabeth Wattles  
 John Rudge & Sara Weale  
 Charles & Joanne Weisman  
 Philip & Susan Wick  
 Marie Williams  
 Victor & Sherri Wilson  
 Christopher & Samantha Zaffiro



# THREE LAKES COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING & POTLUCK

Saturday, July 30, 2016, 6 PM to 9 PM

**Location:** Waccabuc Country Club Beach

If it rains, we will meet 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.

*Reservations are critical to our planning process.*

*If you will attend, please fill out the response form and mail it to:*

**Three Lakes Council, P.O. Box 241, South Salem, NY 10590**

*or send an email with the information to [ThreeLakesCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:ThreeLakesCouncil@gmail.com)*

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## Response Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Local address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address if different \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

phone \_\_\_\_\_

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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_



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