

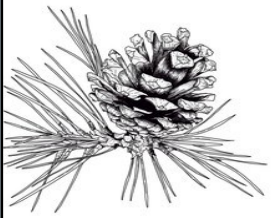
# The Northwoods News

Lake Luzerne

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**The Northwoods News** is a publication of the **Northwoods Association**  
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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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## Luzerne Watershed Initiative

In recent years NWA Boardmembers have been working more closely with our friends and neighbors in Lake Luzerne, Fourth Lake and Lake Vanare. We are all in the same town and more importantly, we are all in the same watershed. The lakes form a chain through which water flows, ultimately reaching the Hudson River. If one lake has a problem, it is likely to be communicated to the other lakes in the chain. Lake Luzerne has had a serious problem with the invasive, Eurasian watermilfoil, *Myriophyllum spicatum* L. Techniques like hand harvesting proved very costly and ineffective, so they decided to treat the lake with PorcellaCOR in 2024. This seems to be highly successful in controlling the invasive plant.

The Town Board then contracted with Larry Eichler to do aquatic plant surveys of Lakes Luzerne, Fourth and Vanare, all of which are owned by the town. The surveys inform the town of



ny harmful species as well as the general health of the lakes. Hearing this, the NWA Board also called on Mr. Eichler to survey our lakes as well. Mr. Eichler has done numerous plant surveys for us over the years, the most recent done in 2013. We were overdue for a new survey.

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# Northwoods Update

**“Thank you” if you have already paid your 2025 NWA dues!** To date we have received payments from approximately half our members. To maintain good standing with voting privileges, dues must be paid in full. If you own property within the Northwoods Association you are a member. To maintain good standing with voting privileges, dues must be paid in full.

All dues are used solely for the upkeep of common areas such as the Forest Lake and Lake Allure Dams, including substantial insurance to cover both (as well as general liability insurance for all common areas); insurance alone runs approximately \$8,000 per year. School taxes and municipal/county taxes are approximately \$4,000 per year. Monies collected also help offset the costs of annual NWA events such as the July 4<sup>th</sup> Picnic and Holiday Party. *No board member or officer receives any compensation for the time and effort they expend on behalf of the Northwoods Association.*

Your property values not only depend on the maintenance of your personal property but also on the common areas maintained through your dues. If we are not able to maintain those areas due to lack of funds,

**ByLaws** - A committee met over the winter to review and update the Northwoods Bylaws. Some minor changes were made for clarification, none of enough consequence to require a vote of acceptance by the membership. The new Bylaws are available on our website at [www.NorthwoodsAssociation.com](http://www.NorthwoodsAssociation.com). Thank you to Tom Reed for chairing the committee and Linda Barrett, Butch Fisher, Debbie Frantzen, Lauren Scutari, and Rose Torre for their participation.

**Elections** – were held at the September General Membership meeting. All candidates ran unopposed, and the vote was unanimous. The new Board members are: Rose O’Boyle – President, Lauren Scutari – Treasurer, Don Kline - Trustee, Neil Rotman - Trustee, and Christine Williams – Trustee.

This year, the positions of Vice President and Secretary are up for election. Members who may be interested in running for a position are invited to attend the next Board meeting on June 28 at 7pm. Nominations will be accepted at the July 5 General Membership meeting.

**Forest Lake Dam Repairs** - The town of L. Luzerne has finally agreed to reopen our tax district. It has begun moving forward with the steps involved in securing a bond for the repairs. Northwoods members would repay the town through their taxes. Hopefully we will have more information to share at the July 5 General Membership meeting.

**Volunteer Opportunities** - As you all know, the Northwoods depends heavily on its members volunteering to get things done. It’s how we keep our annual dues so low. We are thankful for the many that have already helped out, and hope they will continue to do so. For those of you who would like to help but aren’t sure how you can fit in, here is a list of suggestions:

**Become a CSLAP Kid.** You and your family can commit to taking water samples for the CSLAP program. Samples are collected four times between June and September (once a month). They are bottled and shipped to the lab, and data and observations are recorded on website. Rose O’Boyle has been doing it and will be working with you. This is a great opportunity for a student who needs community service, scout badges, or just loves lakes.

**The “Friends of the Northwoods” Committee.** Become a member and work on updating our list of favorite contractors and professionals. The list will be shared with the membership.

**The Forestry Committee** is responsible for managing our 700 acres of woodland. Work with our Forester and go on woods walks to discuss the plans for a new cut or review the results of the cut. If you spend time in our woods and like trees, this is for you.

**Bridge Designers and Builders** are needed to design and build a new footbridge across the two lakes. Lots of skills needed here!

**The Landscape Committee** is always looking for help. You must commit to just one day of landscaping along the beach and dam. Mowers, etc. are provided. Special projects are often available.

**The Social and Membership Committee** needs volunteers to welcome new members and plan social events like the picnic and holiday party. You might even come up with some new events members might enjoy! Great for the social butterfly!

## 2025 NORTHWOODS ASSOCIATION BUDGET

EXPENSES	2025	2024
50/50	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Attorney (Dam)	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Christmas Party	\$2,000.00	\$1,950.00
Conferences	\$425.00	\$390.00
Donations	\$250.00	\$1,100.00
Engineer (Dam)	\$3,000.00	\$5,250.00
GM Meetings	\$150.00	\$141.63
Insurance	\$8,000.00	\$7,452.49
Lake Luzerne (Atty Expenses/Dam)	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
Lake Maintenance (Plant Survey/C-SLAP)	\$250.00	\$2,800.00
Maintenance	\$2,500.00	\$2,698.76
Memberships	\$150.00	\$125.00
Miscellaneous (office supplies, printing, etc.)	\$400.00	\$366.02
Picnic	\$1,000.00	\$879.23
Postage	\$200.00	\$189.00
Taxes	\$3,750.00	\$3,514.38
Utilities	\$525.00	\$501.18
Website/Zoom	\$425.00	\$392.88
	<b>\$33,025.00</b>	<b>\$34,250.57</b>
INCOME	2025	2024
50/50	\$2,250.00	\$2,290.00
Dues	\$21,500.00	\$21,625.00
Logging	\$7,500.00	\$8,767.45
Picnic	\$550.00	\$525.00
Christmas Party	\$1,750.00	\$1,600.00
	<b>\$33,550.00</b>	<b>\$34,807.45</b>
Excess or Deficit	<b>\$525.00</b>	<b>\$556.88</b>

# 2025

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**SPRING BOARD MEETING**  
APRIL 17 @ 3:00 PM

**SPRING CLEAN-UP**  
MAY 24 @ 9:00 AM

**SUMMER BOARD MEETING**  
JUNE 28 @ 7:00 PM

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
JULY 5 @ 10:00 AM - BEACH

**ANNUAL PICNIC**  
JULY 5 @ 2:00 PM - BEACH

**FALL BOARD MEETING**  
TBA

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
AUGUST 31 @ 10:00 AM - BEACH

**HOLIDAY PARTY**  
TBA



# Northwoods Aquatic Plant Survey Results

The latest Aquatic Plant Survey of Lakes Forest and Allure was conducted in September of 2024 by Larry Eichler. The results are positive and can be viewed in full on our website at [www.NorthwoodsAssociation.com](http://www.NorthwoodsAssociation.com). Here is a brief summary of Mr. Eichler's conclusions.



"Forest Lake and Lake Allure support diverse native plant communities. In Forest Lake, twenty two species were observed on the survey transects in 2000 compared to 23 species in 2002, 24 species in 2004 and 26 species in 2009, 2013 and 2024. Aquatic plants were observed to cover 100% of the lake bottom in 2000 and 2024. This coverage decreased slightly to 97% in 2002 and continued to decline in the 2004 survey (88%). In 2009, bottom coverage was reported as 91%, a slight increase from 2004 which continued into 2013 when 93% lake bottom cover was reported. In Lake Allure, ten aquatic plant species were observed on the survey

transects in 2000 compared to 13 species in 2002, 14 species in 2004 and 2009 and 16 species in 2013 and 2024. Aquatic plants were observed to cover over 33% of the lake bottom of Lake Allure in 2000. This coverage increased slightly to 49% in 2002 and continued to increase in the 2004 survey (54%). In 2013, plants covered 37% of the lake bottom, equivalent to the coverage reported in 2009 of 33%. One hundred percent of 2024 survey points in Lake Allure had native aquatic plants, however total bottom coverage was not estimated. No invasive species have been reported for either lake. Species richness in Forest Lake remains quite high, with many species occurring in more than 5% of survey points. The large number of aquatic plant species is a testament to the diversity of habitats present in Forest Lake and Lake Allure, and the exceptional water quality of these lakes."

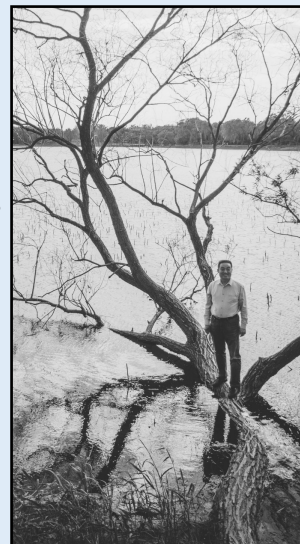
## Trophy Bass!

Brody caught this 5.4 pound bass using a bluegill swimmer lure. He caught it from shore on the far side of the dam.



## Fallen Trees

We are fortunate to have a great diversity of trees in the Northwoods. They shade and keep us cool in the summer and shelter us from the howling winds of winter. When a tree from your property falls on your neighbor's property, it is your responsibility to remove it. Lakes Forest and Allure are the private property of the NWA. If your tree falls into the lake, removal is also your responsibility. Most residents have been very cooperative, but there are a few fallen trees remaining and surely more will fall. If it's your tree, it's your responsibility to remove it asap. Contact a board member if you need help locating a tree cutter.



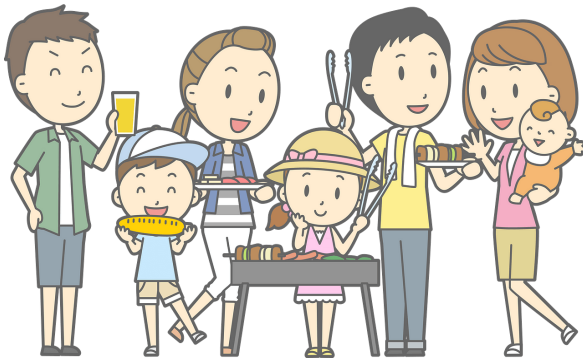
## Northwoods Annual Picnic

**Saturday July 5th, 2025, starting at 2:00PM**

As always, the Association will be providing hamburgers, hotdogs, soft drinks, paper goods and activities for the kids. Admission is \$5.00 for members in good standing and their guests, children under 13 are free.

This has become a "Pot Luck" type of picnic. If you can make a dish to share, that would be a great help. Some suggestions, sausage and peppers, chicken, pasta, chili, pulled pork, beans, salads, desserts, whatever you think others might enjoy!

***We will need some help with setting up, manning the check-in table, cooking, clean up, etc. Please let Cathie Wall know if you would like to help. (Cmwall28@aol.com)***



**Volunteer to organize the Great Relay Race**  
for the kids by contacting Rose O'Boyle  
(woboyle@roadrunner.com)



*Welcome back to another beautiful summer on Lakes Forest and Allure. Help to keep our lakes beautiful by cleaning off your boat before putting it back in the lake. Wash it before and after visiting other water bodies.*

## The General Membership meeting is at 10am on July 5

- *Come on down to meet the new neighbors*
- *Catch up with old friends after a long winter*
- *Learn what's going on in the Northwoods*
- *Let us know what you think*
- *Enjoy a cup of coffee*

## HELP PREVENT

### HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOMS

HABS can limit our enjoyment of the lakes and can be toxic to people and animals. Phosphorus is an essential nutrient needed for algal growth. Excess phosphorus enters our lakes through farm and lawn fertilizers, road runoff, erosion and septic system failures. You can help prevent HABS by using Zero Phosphorus Fertilizer and maintaining a well functioning septic system.

Fortunately, algal blooms have not been a problem in the Northwoods because we have been good stewards of our lakes. If you suspect that you have seen a HAB, please report it and avoid it.

### Buying Fertilizer?

**LOOK FOR THE ZERO.**

Protect Your Waters

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Check the fertilizer bag for a set of three numbers showing the percentage of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium. Buy a bag with a "0" in the middle.

**LAWN FERTILIZER**  
32-0-4

**Zero Phosphorus**

**Zero pollution** – phosphorus washes off lawns and pollutes lakes and streams

**Zero waste** – why pay for a chemical your lawn doesn't need (most don't)?

**Zero hassle** – it's against the law to use phosphorus on lawns that don't need it\*



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## Luzerne Watershed Initiative

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The results for all the lakes were very positive, and no new invasive species were found. The full report is posted on our website at [www.NorthwoodsAssociation.com](http://www.NorthwoodsAssociation.com). Larry Eichler will be speaking about our watershed and the surveys he completed, on July 29 in the Rockwell Falls Library. You are all invited to attend.

Members of each of the lake associations continue to work together to inform the public about the importance of maintaining healthy lakes and rivers and what you can do to help. There will be information booths at Association meetings, Cardboard Boat Race, and Riverfest among others. Rockwell Falls Library will have several Story Times with lake-based stories for the kids, and several guest speakers, including Larry Eickler, for the adults. More information will follow once the plans are finalized. We hope to see many Northwoods members at these events.

