

Waukewan and Winona Watershed Protective Association

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An Environmental Organization Protecting the Waukewan and Winona Watershed

Message from Dave and Deb

Our Mission

“The mission of the Waukewan and Winona Watershed Protective Association is to encourage and support long range planning, responsible lake level management and sound conservation techniques to preserve the ecology, environment and natural beauty of the Waukewan and Winona Watershed. It serves as a voice for its members in matters of group concern with regard to the environment and seeks to assist with scientific studies, education programs and the preparation and dissemination of educational materials.”

What a busy summer this has been!

Our organization celebrated its fifth year at our member’s annual meeting on July 11. Our members voted to continue supporting the NH Lakes Association and Loon Preservation Committee as well as voting to provide financial support for the Lake Host programs on Waukewan and Winona. We also voted to keep dues at a modest \$35 per year. We ended the year on a sound financial footing which is always welcome news.

Many of our members participated in an informal July 4 boat parade on Lake Waukewan. It was lots of

fun and we understand one is planned for 2016.

WWWPA held a Weed Watcher training workshop featuring Amy Smagula from NHDES who taught trainees how to identify invasive plants and animals. New Weed Watchers are now prepared to be eyes on our lakes looking out for invasive species. Our next seminar on August 19 from 6 to 7:30 pm at the Meredith Community Center deals with Upland Invasives. Hope you can make it.

**Be sure to check out our new website:
www.wwwpa.org**

Dave Reilly and Deb Corr
Co-Chairmen

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Picture below: Janan Hays with Jeffrey Hayes, Exec. Dir, LRPC and Warren Hutchins, Chairman of the Board, LRPC.

Janan Hays Receives Prestigious Award from LRPC

We are pleased to announce that our Vice Chairman, Janan Hays, has received the B. Kimball Ayers Environmental Lifetime Achievement Award which is presented annually by the Lakes Region Planning Commission for “Outstanding contributions to the Lakes Region environment.” A partial list of Janan’s efforts includes: being an active Loon Preservation Committee volunteer since 1987; working to limit



development on Snake River; starting and conducting VLAP testing of the Snake River wetlands; ; creating a NHDES Weed Watcher program on Lake Waukewan; spearheading initiatives to deal with Purple Loosestrife on Monkey Pond and Upland invasive plants within the town of Meredith from 2007-2009..

Waukewan July 4th Boat Parade



It was a bit overcast on July 4 this year, but that didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the 25 plus boats and more than 100 happy people who joined in the informal, lake community, July 4th Waukewan Boat Parade.

Thanks to all the people who contributed photos of the parade. Wish we had space to print them all! We will be watching for information circulating around the lake sometime in June 2016 for next year's parade.

Note: WWWWPA is not an official sponsor of this event.



ALERTS!

Got Firewood?

It's the time of year when we begin thinking about getting in firewood for the upcoming winter. **Please be aware that as of July 2015 NH Dept. of Agriculture added Belknap County to those counties in NH under quarantine for the Emerald Ash Borer.** Firewood cannot be transported in from or out of a quarantine county or transported from out of state unless certified and specially treated according to NH rules and regulations. The invasive pest was recently found in a trap in Gilmanston. Attacking Ash trees, the Emerald Ash Borer can spread quickly and has had a devastating effect on the Ash tree population in other parts of the country. Unfortunately, it has made its way to NH. Make sure to check with your firewood dealer to find out where your firewood is coming from. **BUY LOCAL, BURN LOCAL!** For more information on the Emerald Ash Borer and for rules and regulations regarding the transport of firewood and other wood products please visit www.agriculture.nh.gov.



The Chinese Mystery Snail—Another Aquatic Invasive.



Keep your eyes open for the Chinese Mystery Snail. Unlike our native snails, this is an exotic species. Likely brought to this country as a delicacy for the Asian food market, immature Chinese Mystery Snail shells can be greenish brown or olive green. Much larger than native snails, adults can be golf ball sized with reddish brown or brown shells. This snail can transmit diseases to native species and it out competes native species for food, crowds out habitat and adversely affects the food chain and native eco system. The Chinese Mystery Snail has been found in NH lakes and ponds. Locally it has established residence in **Lake Wicwas** and can be found in silty, muddy or sandy substrates. Snails and larvae can spread



through bait buckets, live wells, ballast bladders, recreational equipment, etc. Larvae, undetectable to the eye, can also hitch a ride along the hulls of power boats, kayaks, canoes, etc. Never dump bait buckets or empty areas that hold water into the lake. Please clean, drain and dry all boats and equipment before entering another water body to stop the spread of this and other invasive aquatic species. If you suspect you may have found a Chinese Mystery Snail, please contact **NHDES at 271-2248 or NH Fish and Game at 271-3421.**

Upland Invasive Plants Seminar

Look around your property, drive down the road and see all the green trees and bushes. But, are insidious invasive plants lurking amount the native vegetation? Invasive plant species are detrimental to native flora and fauna. Learn how to identify upland invasive plant species and why you should care. Find out the proper way to eradicate or control invasive species on your property to help stop them from spreading. **For Information: 279-4944 or 279-6008.**

DOUG CYGAN

NH Dept. of Agriculture invasive Species Coordinator

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2015

6-7:30 PM

MEREDITH COMMUNITY CENTER

Hike to Fogg Hill

Teaming up with the Lakes Region Conservation Trust, WWPA is proud to co-sponsor a Mushroom Walk with Rick Van de Poll at the newly conserved Fogg Hill Conservation Area. "The Fogg Hill property provides a critical conservation link between the only level peat bog in the area and the largest unfragmented forest block of land in Center Harbor." Hikers will learn techniques for identifying various native mushroom species. This walk is described as "moderate" and should be interesting and fun.

Please call or email the Lakes Region Conservation Trust for information or to register for this event: 603-253-3301 or lrct@lrct.org.

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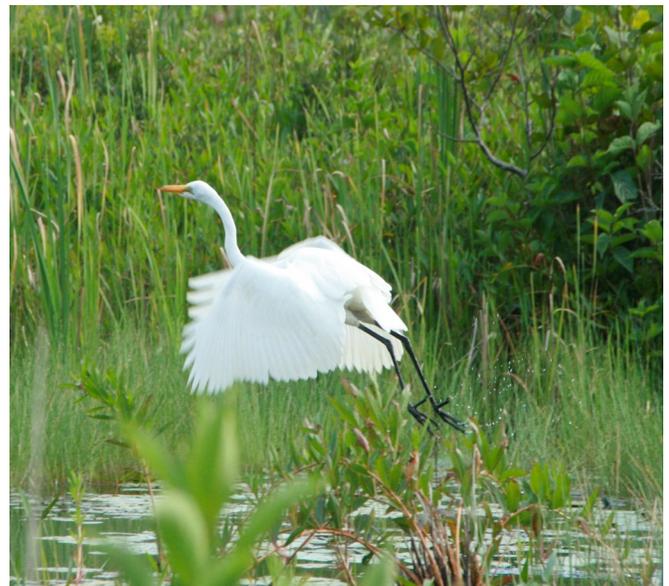
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Great Egret on Snake River, 8/10/15 (photo by Chris Jones)